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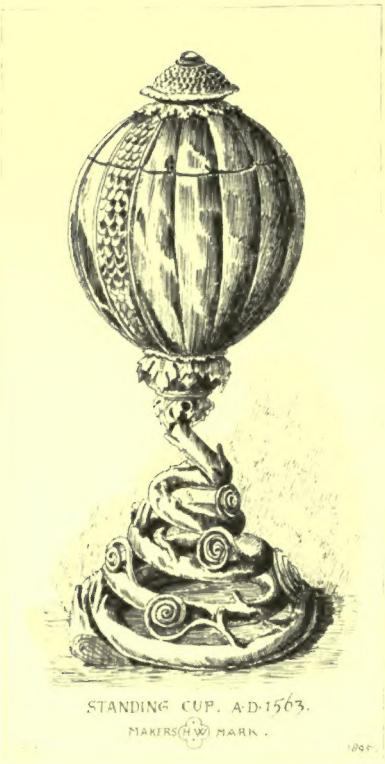

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A LIST OF THE INNER TEMPLE RECORDS.

THE following is a list of the various classes of records of the Inner Temple which commence prior to the present century. Those which are marked with an asterisk it is proposed to include in the calendars now in the course of publication, so far as they come within the period which the calendars will comprise:

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Papers in suit of Hellier v. Borrett, 1734-5 (vol. xvi.).

Papers in suit of Bambridge v. Borrett, 1734-41 (vol. xvii.).

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There is also a further miscellanea of documents which do not come under any of the above headings, and some small MS. books and pamphlets upon subjects touching the Inn and its officers.

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W. Page.

INTRODUCTION.

IN considering this first volume of the Records of the Inner Temple, it will be remarked that the entries are short and bare, and that they are confined, with few exceptions, to the orders passed at the Parliaments held at regular intervals within the Inn. It is probable that during the early years of the Society nearly all the business was transacted at these Parliaments, and that the present system of proceeding almost entirely by Bench Table Orders is of comparatively recent institution. From the date of the earliest of our existing records, to the reign of James I., the Bench Table Orders, along with the accounts of the treasurer, the butler, and others, to which one would naturally have looked for information as to the social and historical life of the Society, have altogether disappeared, although casual references to such orders show them even then to have formed part of the system of management. There is, I think, reason to believe that these important and interesting documents, with many of a much earlier date, perished in one or other of the numerous fires to which the Temple was subject both before and after the Great Fire of 1666.[1] With a view to atone, as far as possible, for these losses, I have in this Introduction supplemented and amplified the subject-matter of some of the entries by reference to contemporary writers. And I trust that

[1] These fires, which occurred at frequent intervals during the seventeenth century, will be more particularly referred to in the second volume of these records

such additions may be of assistance to those who, interested in the details of old English life, may thus be enabled to see, in the remaining records of one of the oldest institutions of our country, a reflex of the habits and thoughts of many generations of lawyers who have preceded us in our occupation of this antient Society and in the administration of its affairs.

Sir William Dugdale, a great authority on the archæology of the Inns of Court, writing in 1666, speaks of the registers of this Society as beginning towards the latter part of the reign of King Henry VII.[1] If by this the author intended to convey the idea that no records or registers were kept before that date, he is in error; but if, as is probable, he referred simply to those in existence at that time, his statement is accurate. An investigation of these records shows that the registers now in existence commence in the year 1505 (21 Henry VII.). They contain, however, references to p. 2 "another Book, fo. 150"; "The New Ordinance"; "The olde p. 9 presidentes, roullis, and other wrytynges" to be put into a new chest, showing that during the reign of Henry VII. there were then in the possession of the Society various old rolls, records, and writings, of which, however, unhappily, we have no other evidence. The earliest mention of records or writings of the Temple appears to be in Thomas of Walsingham's "Historia Anglicana,"[2] where, speaking of Wat Tyler and his visit to the Temple, where the most noble and wealthy of the law students then lived, he says that the rebels burnt with fire "plura munimenta quae juridici in custodia habuerunt." Between, however, the period of Wat Tyler, A.D. 1381, and the accession of Henry VII., there appears to have been no public interference with the lawyers of the Temple, who continued to hold their Inn by agreement with the Knights Hospitallers until the dissolution of that body in or about A.D. 1540, after which date they held as tenants at will from the crown. What has become of the records of these 150 years, which would doubtless have been of the most valuable and interesting character, it is impossible to conjecture. They have disappeared along with the chest that was constructed to contain them. The existing registers of the Middle Temple commence, as I am informed, about the same time as our

[1] "Origines Juridiciales," fol. 146.

[2] Vol. i., p. 457, Rolls Series, edited by Riley.

own, a coincidence which suggests that they were kept in a common place of deposit, possibly in the hutches in the Temple Church, which were formerly used for this purpose, and that they thus suffered a common loss or destruction. Those of Gray's Inn commence in the early years of Elizabeth, the earlier records, according to a tradition of the Society, having perished in a fire which occurred in or about 1687. Those of Lincoln's Inn, however, have been more carefully preserved. They commence in the year 1422 (1 Henry VI.), and contain much information as to the early buildings undertaken by that Society, and details of innumerable matters connected with the management, the customs, and the history of the Inn.

It will, I think, assist the student in following the various orders and the otherwise monotonous entries in this and succeeding volumes if I begin by considering what was the actual condition of the Society at the time that these records commence (A.D. 1505). The Inn had been a home for students of the more wealthy classes, *apprenticii nobiliores*, from a very early date. The lawyers first came to the Temple, as far as can be ascertained, from Thavie's Inn, Holborn, early in the reign of King Edward III., when they had their first license or demise from the Knights Hospitallers. According to the Patent Rolls, it appears that in the year 1347 (20 Edward III.), the Hospitallers, being then in quiet possession, farmed the manor or place of the New Temple to these professors and students of the law at an ascertained rent. That they were fully settled here in the time of Richard II. is beyond a doubt, for Chaucer, who, according to tradition, was a fellow of this Society, and lived in the reigns of Edward III., Richard II., and Henry IV., speaks of the manciple (or purveyor) of the Temple and his thirty masters, as well recognized and existing institutions. At a later date, Fortescue, writing during the reign of Edward IV.,[1] describes the students of the Inns of Court, and says that a student, exclusive of the cost of his servant, which he considers to be almost a necessity, cannot well be there maintained under £28 a year, a sum equivalent to about £500 per annum of our present money. He distinguishes those living in the Inns of Court, viz., the Temples, Lincoln's Inn, and Gray's Inn, from those who, from want of dignity or from insufficiency of means, spent

[1] "De Laudibus," etc., fol. London, 1737, ch. xlix., p. 109.

their earlier years in the Inns of Chancery, where the requirements were less onerous, and whence, after a due term of residence and an approved course of study, they could enter an Inn of Court at a reduced rate. It appears, therefore, that from a very early date—ever since, in fact, the constitution under Henry III. of the permanent Court for hearing Common Pleas at Westminster, as required by Magna Carta—there had been colleges or hospitia for persons studying and practising the law in London. Of these the earliest record, so far as I am aware, of any extant, is that of Clifford's Inn, afterwards a limb of the Inner Temple, which was in 18 Edward III. (1344) demised by Isabella, widow of Robert Clifford, at a rent of £10 per annum, to "apprenticii de Banco," or, as I gather, the students of the law administered in the Common Bench. The records of Thavie's Inn no longer exist, but the will of John Thavie, an armourer, who died in 1348, shows that he was the owner of a hospice which had been and probably then was frequented by students of the law. These still studied the law in London and were, in 1505, more than a century and a half after their first aggregation in London, scattered over the four Inns of Court and the ten Inns of Chancery. Some of the latter were attached to, some were independent of, but each and all of them fed the four Inns of Court. The Inns of Chancery passed from time to time into the company of the Inns of Court such of their number as were duly qualified for admission by length of residence and by such amount of legal knowledge as could be acquired by attendance at moots and readings in their various halls. Of the Inns of Chancery Fortescue says there were ten, containing in his time not less than 100 members each, and the following appear to be the names of those from which students were admitted to the Inner Temple at the beginning of the sixteenth century: Clefforttes, Clyffordes, or Clyffordys Inn; Clement's Inn, Strand; Chester's Inn, Strand, or Stronde Inn; Furnevales or Furnyvallis Inn; Mackworth or Barnardes Inn; S. Mary's or Newe Inn; Davy's, David's, or Thavie's Inn, and Lyon's Inn. Staple Inn, which is said by Dugdale[1] to have been an Inn of Chancery as early as the time of Henry VI., does not seem to have contributed any students to our Society.

Of these Clifford's Inn, Clement's Inn, and Lyon's Inn were

[1] "Orig. Jur.," fol. 310.

appurtenant to the Inner Temple. For each of these several Inns of Chancery attached itself to one of the four Inns of Court, and becoming limbs of that Society, occupied towards it somewhat of the same relationship that the smaller seaport towns of the Kent and Sussex coast bore to the more important Cinque Ports. The Inn of Court appointed readers for its Inns of Chancery, settled the precedence of their Principals, admitted their members at a reduced fee, and entertained their antients at grand feasts and festivals. Each Inn of Chancery had its own hall for meetings, for moots, for readings, and for festivity. Some of their halls still exist, many have only recently been destroyed; but they do not appear in any case to have had a chapel, so that the members of these Inns would either have used the church of their Inn of Court, or have had recourse to the parish churches in their immediate neighbourhood.

By the time of Henry VII., the separation of the Middle Temple from the old house, thenceforward described as the Inner Temple, had taken place. The precise date of this severance is uncertain, but tradition ascribes it to the commencement of the reign of Henry VI. The evidence obtainable upon this matter seems to be as follows. John Thaive (or Thavie), previously mentioned, in the will by which he left his property to his wife, Alice, for her life, and after her death to maintain a chaplain who was to pray for their souls, described his Inn as "illud hospicium, in quo apprenticii ad legem habitare solebant."[1] This suggests that at this date (he died in 1348, 21 Edward III.) most of the lawyers had ceased to use it as heretofore, and had moved to their new quarters in the Temple.

In 1362 (35 Edward III.) King Edward appointed Roger Small, Porter [Janitor] of the New Temple for life. Thomas of Walsingham, speaking of Wat Tyler's insurrection in 1381, describes the residence of the lawyers as "locum qui vocatur Temple Barr in quo apprenticii juris morabantur nobiliores," making no distinction between the two societies. A MS. chronicle,[2] formerly in the abbey of S. Mary Durham, where the author was then resident, giving an account of this invasion of the Goths into the citadel of learning, says: "Les Rebells alleront a le Temple et jetteront les measons a le terre et avegheront tighles issint que ils fairont cover-

[1] Herbert's "Antiquities of the Inns of Court," etc., 1804, p. 323.

[2] Quoted by Dugdale, "Orig. Jur.," fol. 145, also by Hollingshead.

ture en mal array et alleront en l'Esglise, et pristeront touts les liveres et Rolles de Remembrances que furont en lour huches deins le Temple de Apprentices de la Ley, et porteront en le haut chimene et les arderont."

Geoffry Chaucer, who wrote the "Canterbury Tales" between 1388 and 1402, and of whom tradition says, but upon doubtful authority, that he was a student of the Inner Temple, speaks in his prologue of "a manciple of the Temple," and proceeds,

> "Of masters had he more than thrice ten
> That were of law expert and curious,
> Of which there was a dozen *in that house*
> Worthy to been stewards of rent and land,
> Of any lord that is in England. . . ."

A passage which has been referred to as demonstrating the existence of either one house or two, as the original words may have been *a* or *the* Temple. According to the modern reading the passage is "of *a* Temple" and thereupon an argument is based that Chaucer was there referring to one or other of the two societies of the New Temple. This new version, however, cannot be accepted without hesitation. It seems to be founded on the fact that there are in the British Museum eight complete MS. copies of the Canterbury Tales,[1] of no accurately ascertained date. Seven of these have the words "*a* Temple" and one only has "*the* Temple." But the word *the* appears in black letter folios as early as 1523, and Caxton, who was no mean scholar, who was printing and translating within thirty-five years of Chaucer's death, and who printed his first edition of the "Tales" in 1475, also uses the words "*the* Temple." I am disposed, therefore, to accept the adjudication of Caxton, and to believe that this careful scholar and critic printed his folio from the most authentic MS. In any case, however, the passage throws but little light upon the point now under consideration.

As late, therefore, as the accession of Henry IV. (1399) there would seem to be no clear evidence of more than one society of lawyers occupying the Temple. The first distinct reference to the two Inns, so far as I can ascertain, is to be found in the "Paston Letters." William Paston, Justice of the Common Pleas, who was

[1] "Notes and Queries," Series I., vol. i., pp. 335, 420; vol. ii., p. 27: "Athenæum," No. 3,571, containing an interesting article by Professor Hales.

made Serjeant in 1421, Judge in 1429, and died in 1444, received his legal training in London, but at what Inn of Court is not known. He had some possible connection with the Inner Temple, for the lands which he occupied in the county of Norfolk came to him through members of the Chaucer family. His son, John Paston, whose correspondence fills the greater part of Mr. Gairdner's volumes, was born in 1421, and studied at the Inner Temple, where he held chambers which he constantly occupied when transacting business in London. The first of these letters,[1] under date 1426 (4 Henry VI.) by a member of the Paston family, is addressed as follows :

"Venerables et discretes persones les courtesans demorans en l'ostel du Templebar en la cité de Londres,"

using the same generic description as Thomas of Walsingham.

The next,[2] 1st November, 1440 (18 Henry VI.), is from Robert Repps to John Paston and contains the following passage :

"No more atte this tyme butte the Trynyte have you in proteccion, &c.; and qwan your leysyr is, resorte ageyn on to your College, the Inner Temple, for ther ben many qwych sor desyr your presence, Welles and othyr, &c."

This, as far as I am aware, is the first mention of the Inner Temple.

On the 28th September, 1443,[3] Margaret Paston writes to John :

"To my rygth worchepful husbond, John Paston, dwellyng in the Inner Temple at London."

On the 4th February, 1445,[4] Agnes Paston, mother of John, writes to her son Edmund :

"To Edmund Paston of Clyffordis Inn, in London, be this lettre take."

In 1447,[5] the last mentioned Edmund writes to his brother John, addressed :

"Tradatur Johanni Paston, of the Inner In in the Temple att London."

On the 2nd April, 1449,[6] Margaret Paston again writes to her husband :

[1] "Paston Letters," by Gairdner (1872), vol. i., p. 23.
[2] *Ibid.*, p. 41. [3] *Ibid.*, p. 47. [4] *Ibid.*, p. 58.
[5] *Ibid.*, p. 65. [6] *Ibid.*, p. 81.

"To my rytz wurschipful Mayster, Jon Paston, be this delyverid in hast, dwelling in the Inner Tempill."

On the 21st March, 1448-9, Edmund Paston, of Clifford's Inn, died, having made a nuncupative will, witnessed by William May, Master of the New Temple and others, by which he left all his goods to his brother John Paston, whom he also appointed his executor, and gave his body to be buried in the church of the New Temple, or in that of the Carmelite Friars of London (the White Friars),[1] at the choice of his confessor (*ad electionem sui confessoris*).

Other letters[2] are addressed by Margaret and Agnes Paston to John Paston, "dwelling in the Inner Temple." A letter (1456)[3] from Sir John Fastolf describes him "at the Temple."

On the 11th March, 1450,[4] Agnes Paston, his mother, addresses him:

"To John Paston, dwellyng in the Inder In of the Tempyll att London."

Richard Calle, who married one of John Paston's daughters, describes him as:[5]

"Master John Paston of the Enner Temple."

On the 2nd January, 1451,[6] (29 Henry VI.), John Bocking, a servant to Sir John Fastolf, in a letter to William Wayte, makes the following statement as to the two inns:

"Other tydyngs as yett can I non tell you, save Ulveston is Styward of the Mydill Inne and Isley of the Inner Inne, be cause thei wold have officz for excuse for dwellyng this tyme from her wyves, etc."

The first reference to either of the Temples that I have found in the records of Lincoln's Inn appears, under date 14th March, 1442, in the following terms:[7]

"Richard Wode received from the Treasurer, March 14: 20 Hen. VI. 49^{s} 5^{d} for a drinking bout (*pro potacione*) between Lincoln's Inn and the Middle Temple."

We therefore find that early in the reign of Henry VI. our inn

[1] "Paston Letters," by Gairdner, vol. i., p. 79. This will was proved March 28th 1449, in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, where it is registered.

[2] *Ibid.*, pp. 202, 218, 246, 270.

[3] *Ibid.*, p. 410.

[4] *Ibid.*, p. 114.

[5] *Ibid.*, p. 182.

[6] *Ibid.*, p. 186.

[7] "Black Books of Lincoln's Inn," vol. i., fol. 44^{d}.

is described as the Inner Temple, and that in 29 Henry VI. the two societies are differentiated as the Middle and the Inner Inns, and the names are given of the stewards for the Christmas Revels at each inn, together with a more or less satisfactory reason for their accepting these arduous offices.

Sir John Fortescue, a former fellow of Lincoln's Inn, writing his pamphlet in praise of the English laws during his banishment with his master Henry VI., while Edward IV. was on the throne (1461-1470), says :[1]

"There belong to it [the law] ten lesser Inns and sometimes more, which are called the *Inns of Chancery* (*Hospitia Cancellariæ*), in each of which there are an hundred students at the least, and in some of them a far greater number, though not constantly residing. The students are, for the most part, young men ; here they study the nature of *Original and Judicial Writs*, which are the very first principles of the law. After they have made some progress here, and are more advanced in years, they are admitted into the Inns of Court (*Hospitia Curiæ*) properly so called ; *of these there are four in number.* In that which is the least frequented there are about two hundred students."

Among the MSS. of the Inner Temple is a pamphlet of twenty-six pages folio, closely written, in the nature of a report, giving an account of the origin and the growth of the Knights Templars, of their building of the New Temple, and of their house in the reign of Henry II., of their peaceful and luxurious occupation of the place for over one hundred and twenty years, and of their final overthrow by Edward II. Thence it traces the history of the Temple down to the time of Charles I., in the early part of whose reign it seems to have been prepared.[2] According to this statement the lawyers came from Thavie's Inn about the year 1347 (20 Edward III.), "ever since which time they and their successors, professors and students of the Common Law, have there resided, who in tract of time converted and regulated the same first into one Inne of Court and afterwards, viz., in the reign of King Henry VI., divided themselves into those two Societies or Inns of Court, viz., the Inner and the Middle Temple. That they were at first but one is apparent by

[1] "Fortescue de Laudibus," cap. xlix., p. 109.

[2] This paper is among the valuable collection of MSS. made by William Petyt, and given by him to this Society. He was for many years Keeper of the Records at the Tower, and in the year 1701 was elected Treasurer of the Inner Temple. See Petyt MSS., No. 538, vol. xvii., fol. 400.

all the records of that time, which make no mention only of the Temple in the singular number without any addition or distinction." It then proceeds to say that by the reign of Henry VI. the lawyers "were multiplied and grown into soe great a bulke as could not conveniently be regulated into one Society, nor, indeed, was the old hall capable of containing so great a number, whereupon they were forced to divide themselves. A new hall was then erected, which is now the Junior Temple Hall, whereunto divers of those who before took their repast and diet in the old hall resorted, and in process of time became a distinct and divided society."

From these extracts it would appear that the antient tradition is, like many other traditions of the law, founded on fact, and that at some time between the insurrection of Wat Tyler and the accession of Henry VI. the division of the old House into two parts had quietly taken place. It probably began not long after the destruction wrought upon their homes by Wat Tyler and his followers. From this point of view the rebuilding of the various houses, then damaged, if not destroyed, suggests a reasonable period for the commencement of the division. Whenever this separation was actually effected, it probably arose from necessity, was of gradual accomplishment, and was not carried out in anger but in good will. The Inns of Court were and are voluntary associations without charter or incorporation and at liberty to change their rules, their locality and their individuality as they think fit, so that a division of the property of the Society into two portions could be effected without any charter or writ. And, in fact, no deed of partition was entered into until the rapid growth of the two Societies rendered it necessary in November, 1732. A peaceful division of the chambers was made at an early date between these two Societies of the same House; but even this was gradual and hap-hazard, for as late as the seventeenth century there were several buildings in the Temple where some of the chambers belonged to the Inner and some to the Middle Inn, so that the residents on the ground floor were tenants of one Society, while the occupants of the first floor were tenants of the other. No longer able to mess together in a common hall, they kept the memory of their old kinship green by loyally supping with each other every Christmastide. If they had differences they were those of neighbours; their rivalry was that of comrades, their communion was that of friends. Neither Inn can

fairly be said to be older than the other, for they both sprang from a common stock, and the division of their estate was as between co-heirs and not as between purchasers. The Church and its ministrations remained throughout open equally to both Societies, and when the abolition of the Monastic Orders in England changed their relative position towards the Church and its priests they loyally shared between themselves the maintenance of the antient fabric and of the new form of worship. The members of the two Inns, after the separation, took their places in the Church, the Inner on the South and the Middle on the North side, and those positions they still respectively maintain.[1]

The appearance of the Inn itself at the beginning of the sixteenth century would not have compared favourably, except in picturesque detail, with that of to-day, but I conceive it to have been equal, if not superior, to any of the other societies in luxury and in refinement. The oldest known map of London, now in the Bodleian Library at Oxford, bears date 1543 and was made by Antonio Van den Wyngaerde.[2] It is not drawn to scale, is much damaged, and is probably inaccurate in many details, but from it, supplemented by others of an early date, a good panorama of the City may be obtained. It shows a broad river, the Fleet, running up between the Palace of Bridewell on the West, and Blackfriars on the East, spanned by a bridge in Fleet Street, and by another in Holborn. The city walls, beginning at the Tower, and inclosing Tower Hill, an open space described as the "place of execution," come round to Black Friars. Traitors' heads are on Aldgate and on London Bridge, and Lud Gate is standing as an entrance to the City. The Temple was thus a suburb beyond the walls of the City, though within its cognizance. The Church, the Hall, and the Tower of the Inner Temple are clearly indicated together with a large gate into Fleet Street and a pier to the Thames. Temple Bar does not exist as a building, but

[1] It has been suggested that the name "Middle Temple" was in existence so far back as the reign of Henry III. and corroboration is supposed to be found in an entry in the "Issues of the Exchequer" (Devon: London, 1837, p. 34, Easter, 1257) by which the Brethren of the Middle Temple are to receive payment of £4 towards the support of their chaplains, etc. The actual entry however is, Easter, 41 Hen. III. (1257) "Fratribz milicie Templi iiijli . . .", the Brethren of the Knighthood of the Temple; the word *milicie* having by a slip of the editor been misread for *medii*.

[2] It was reproduced by the Topographical Society of London in 1882.

a barrier appears across the road from the Temple Gate to the bottom of Chancery Lane. Houses along the site of King's Bench Walk are delineated with the garden and the trees on the waterside, At the north-eastern side of the Temple stands Serjeant's Inn, the college of the Judges and of the Serjeants at law. It adjoined the Temple and was surrounded by a garden with trees, similar to the arrangements in the Inner Inn. Entries will be found as late as the year 1602, when at the request of the Judges, the trees in
p. 452 King's Bench Walk were lopped so as not to obstruct the view from the gardens of Serjeants' Inn. The present area of the Middle Temple is not satisfactorily shewn. Lincoln's Inn, surrounded by walls, stands in the midst of fields, and Gray's Inn appears in an isolated position on the other side of Holborn. Situated thus, in what is described by Fortescue[1] as "a private place separate and distinct by itself in the suburbs," the Inner Temple had for its centre the Church of S. Mary, with the antient military monuments to which modern research has affixed certain well-known names and descriptions. By its side was the Chapel of S. Ann, of which our learned colleague Master T. H. Baylis[2] has given a description in his account of the Temple Church. Attached to the Church and performing its services was a college of priests sustained at the cost of the Prior of the Order of S. John of Jerusalem, otherwise the Knights Hospitallers or Knights of Rhodes. This distinguished ecclesiastic was commonly known as "My Lord of S. John," with regard to whom and his jurisdiction over the Temple it may be desirable to say a few words.

Some time after the Knights Hospitallers or Knights of S. John of Jerusalem had succeeded to the possession of the Temple Church with its appurtenant ecclesiastical and semi-ecclesiastical buildings,
p. 67 they let the latter to the lawyers at the sum of 20 marks per annum, a rent which was regularly paid to the Prior or Treasurer of the Order until shortly before the dissolution of that body in 32 Henry VIII. The Knights reserved, however, for themselves the church with its two chapels of S. Nicholas and S. John, the adjoining chapel of S. Ann and such tenements as they required for their own use. They

[1] "De Laudibus," ch. xlviii., p. 109.

[2] "The Temple Church and Chapel of St. Ann," by T. H. Baylis, Q.C. London, 1893, p. 53.

also retained in office, as the Keeper or Guardian of the Church, an ecclesiastic known as "The Master of the New Temple," who was, under the Prior of S. John, responsible not only for the maintenance of the fabric and for the decoration of the church, but also for the performance of the services, and for the lodging and sustenance of the priests. He was described indifferently as "custos" or "magister" in somewhat the same way as the Master of the Rolls was described as "custos," and afterwards as "magister rotulorum." He was in no wise the Master of the Order of S. John, nor had he, as far as can be ascertained, any duties or jurisdiction over the members of the Inn, except in so far as concerned their spiritual or moral welfare. At the seizure of the persons and goods of the Knights Templars, it appears from the inventory taken by order of the Barons of the Exchequer, that there were at that time [1307-8] residing in the Temple[1] a Master, William de la More, twelve brothers of the order, a preceptor, a treasurer, six chaplains performing service in the House of the New Temple, five clerks serving the said chaplains, six servants attending on the said brothers, a gardener and a porter, with probably a staff of menial attendants in the brewery, the buttery, and the stables. In the reign of Richard II., at a time when the lawyers were in possession and in residence at the New Temple under their agreement with the Prior of the Order of S. John, the clerical staff of the Temple appears from a return of the clergy in and about the city and suburbs in 1378-79[2] to have consisted of the Master of the New Temple, Brother John Bartylby, with four chaplains, viz.: Sir Robert Kirkeby, Sir Thomas Weston, Sir William Eversam, and Sir Barnard Barton. At a later period in the same reign, 1380-81, the Master of the New Temple was Sir John Burford.[3] So that, as far as one can judge from the most antient records, a similar staff for the ecclesiastical side of the Temple was maintained both before and after the expulsion of the Knights Templars.

The church and its services being thus duly provided for, the Master of the Temple had a hall and lodgings for himself and his priests within the precincts of what is now the Inner Temple.

[1] Baylis, "Appendix," p. 131.

[2] Clerical Subsidy (Public Record Office), Miscellanea Exchequer Q. R., London Dioc. $\frac{42}{4^A}$.

[3] *Ibid.* $\frac{42}{10^A}$.

p. 22 Frequent references in the early portion of our records to "the
p. 3 hall of the Master of the Temple" and "the hall of the priests," show that they had a hall and an establishment of their own apart from those of the New Templars. The line cannot now very clearly be drawn between that part of the Temple which was retained by the Prior of S. John for the use of himself, the church, and the priests, and that part which was occupied by the lawyers. It appears, however, that in the first instance the Prior paid to the exchequer, on behalf of the king, the annual rent of £24 for the whole of the manor or lands formerly held by the Knights Templars on this spot, and that he afterwards obtained a reduction of his rent in respect of so much of the land, as, having been dedicated by the Templars to the service of God, was unlawfully seized by Hugh le Despencer, and by his forfeiture came into the hands of the crown. The particulars are as follows. In the year 1338 the Prior of S. John petitioned the king that he might hold, free of charge, that portion of the New Temple which had been dedicated to the service of God, and wherein many bodies, as well of the founders of the Church as of the brothers of the Temple, lay, and a writ was accordingly issued to the treasurer and barons of the exchequer to inquire what was paid to the exchequer for the said portion out of the yearly rent of £24 paid for the whole, and to make a proportionate allowance to the said Prior.[1] This writ contains a recital which materially assists in defining the portion of the Temple held by the Prior of S. John free of rent, as representing the land set apart for the service of God and for the necessary requirements of the priests. After stating that Reginald de Conductu, mayor and escheator of the City of London, Walter de Morden and Ralph de Upton, sheriffs, with John de Oxenford, Richard le Lacer, and Richard de Wykyng, aldermen, and Thomas de Maryn, Chamberlain of the Guild Hall, had in the presence of William de Langford, keeper (*custos*) of the said Temple, duly made inquisition, "it was found that the chapel of S. Thomas at the door of the hall of the Temple aforesaid, with the place of land there, as the earth wall extends to the old gate of the same Temple towards the king's highway, and likewise the cloister, as the stone wall which begins at the chamber called the chamber of the Bishop

[1] Close Roll, 12 Edw. III., pt. 2, m. 34.

of Ely, extending itself towards the east and afterwards by that wall extending itself towards the north to the king's highway, are places sanctified and dedicated to God and annexed to the church of the same Prior; and a certain Roger Blom, formerly messenger (*nuncius*), of the Temple aforesaid, caused certain houses to be built upon a certain place of land so sanctified and devoted to God in the outer (*anteriori*) part near the king's highway, towards the north, for letting these houses to sustain a light and other ornaments of the same church." . . . and that the said places were in the hands of the king by reason of the forfeiture of Hugh le Despencer. According to this recital, therefore, the ecclesiastical portion of the Inn would be comprised within an area of which a line drawn from the western side of the cloisters to Fleet Street would be the western boundary, a line from King's Bench Walk to Fleet Street would be the eastern, Fleet Street would be the northern, and a line from the south-western end of the cloisters to King's Bench Walk would be the southern boundary. This would comprise within the dedicated land the cloisters, the chapel of S. Thomas, described as being at the door of the Temple hall, the chapel of S. Ann, the church, the graveyard, the master's house, and the houses, including the "bastelle," to the north of the church. There were thus left to the Templars the two halls, viz., the Hall or Refectory of the Knights, and the Hall or Refectory of the Priests, the gardens and all buildings between the hall and the river to the south, and between the cloisters and the land afterwards occupied by the Earl of Essex, sometimes called the Outer Temple, to the west.

It appears from a memorandum of the early part of the reign of Henry VIII., now in the Cotton Library at the British Museum, and transcribed by Dugdale,[1] that there was no charge laid upon the lawyers for the salary, meat, or drink of these priests, for they were found by my Lord of S. John's, and they that were of the fellowship of the house were charged with nothing for them except that they had eighteen offering days in the year, so that the payment for each fellow was 18*d.* per annum. The Grand Prior, or Lord of S. John, however, though exercising no control over the lawyers and their proceedings, acted the part of a landowner, and as such was

[1] "Origines," fol. 196.

commonly applied to by the Society for aid in the construction of such works as would permanently improve the value of the estate. Thus matters continued till the Reformation, when the order of the Knights of S. John of Jerusalem was dissolved, the Crown took into its hands the property and revenues of the order, and other arrangements in the Temple were consequently made.

The Inner Temple hall, the antient refectory of the Knights Templars, stood in the time of Henry VII. on the same spot as, and was the nucleus of, the present hall, which was commenced from designs by Sir Sydney Smirke in the year 1866.[1] It was formerly hung round, and its windows were decorated with the shields and armorial devices of the knights, a custom still continued in the present day, when each reader elect, the year before he becomes treasurer, emblazons his coat-of-arms on a panel formerly in the parliament chamber, but of late years in the hall. It was a very antient building, and was then either thatched with reeds or covered with red tiles, according to the custom of the preceding century. Dugdale[2] speaks of it as being of much later date than the church, which was erected in 1185, and from the form of the windows as they stood in the seventeenth century he conjectures them to have been built in the reign of Edward III. These windows, very small and Gothic in character, remained on the north side of the hall until 1866. Weever, in his "Funeral Monuments,"[3] speaks of the church as having been originally erected in or about the seventh or eighth century as a place of sanctuary, and if he is right in this, the hall or refectory may have had its origin about the same date. It was approached by a flight of steps, being similar in this to most other of the halls of the Inns of
p. 282 Court and of Chancery, for I find that in 1575 reference is made to an admission to a chamber under the hall stairs. In 1816, when the

[1] When the new hall was opened by H.R.H. Princess Louise, afterwards Marchioness of Lorne, on behalf of Her Majesty in May, 1870, the treasurer, Mr. P. A. Pickering, made the following statement :

"The New Hall . . . is built on the site of that of the Knights Templars, which, with alterations made in it from time to time, had, ever since the reign of Her Majesty's Royal Ancestor, King Edward III., been devoted to the service of the members of our profession."

[2] "Origines," fol. 146.

[3] London, 1631, p. 441.

general state of decay and the dangerous unrepair of the buildings of the Inn demanded immediate attention, Mr. Joseph Jekyll, the then treasurer, in the course of a report to the Bench, made the following reference to the condition of the hall:[1]

"From the proportions, the state of decay, the materials of the eastern, western, and southern walls, the buttresses of the southern front, the pointed form of the roof and arches, and the rude sculpture on the two doors of public entrance, the hall is evidently of great antiquity, and perhaps coeval with some parts of the church.

"The northern wall appears to have been rebuilt, except at its two extremities in modern times, but on the old foundation. . . . .

"The roof was found to be in a very decayed and precarious state, many timbers were totally rotten. . . . It appeared to have undergone reparation at three separate periods of time, at each of which timber had been unnecessarily added, so as finally to accumulate a weight which had protruded the northern and southern walls. . . . On removing the old wainscot of the western wall, a dangerous defect was discovered, a perpendicular crack of considerable height and width, which threatened at any moment the fall of that extremity of the building with its superincumbent roof. For security in repairing which an arch was necessarily turned where the lower brickwork had thus decayed and given way. Through this concealed fissure the steam of the brewhouse had also for a long time evaporated, so as to damage the floor and timbers and produce an effluvia in the hall. In the eastern and southern walls great defects were also found, which required considerable renewals of brickwork."

The antient hall of the Knights Templars thus remained the hall of the Inner Temple, standing on the old foundations, inclosed by the old walls of rubble and rag, although with reconstructed roof and modernized interior, until the rapidly-increasing numbers of the Society rendered the erection of a new hall in 1866 imperatively necessary. The smallness and inconvenience of the old hall had already, according to tradition, caused the division of the Society into two parts, and the only alternative to a further division was the providing of sufficient accommodation for the incoming students. The span and the pointed character of the roof of the old hall can

[1] "Report and observations of the Treasurer on the late repair and alteration of the Inner Temple Hall, 6th Nov., 1816," MS.

be judged from an inspection of Sir James Thornhill's allegorical painting of Pegasus striking with his hoof the summit of Mount Helicon, while the Muses look on, and the fountain of Hypocrene rises from the ground. This now hangs over the benchers' table, at the eastern end of the Inner Temple hall, and is of the exact size and form of that end of the antient building. The old hall had also certain weird and uncanny associations, for within it, according to the accusations brought against the Knights Templars in 1311, the Master and Brethren of the Order spat upon the cross, kissed the idol with the black figure and shining eyes, and worshipped the golden head which was kept in a secret part of their house, and was supposed to bring them power, dominion, and honour.[1]

The ecclesiastical character of the New Temple was further demonstrated by a cloister which ran from south to north. Passing from the hall to the church, through the chapel of S. Thomas, it enabled members of the Inn to walk under cover to and from the church either by way of the chapel of S. Ann or through the main entrance, which was still open, though some buildings had been erected in close proximity to it. Indications of this cloister, with groined arches and corbels, still remain in the buttery, the rest having been destroyed by fire in 1678. Over the buttery were chambers tenanted
p. 368 by members of the Inn; and in like manner over the cloisters were
pp. 54-55 sets of chambers similarly occupied. Of the chapel of S. Thomas there are no remains, nor can any account be given. The saint was, I presume, S. Thomas of Canterbury (Becket), to whom many churches were dedicated in the Middle Ages, but who disappeared from the Calendar of Saints under the Tudors, the patronage of his churches being then transferred to S. Thomas the Apostle. The chapel may, however, have simply consisted of a small building, or a lobby containing an altar dedicated to the saint, through which there may have been a common right of way for the members of the Inn. There are still some remains of the chapel of S. Ann, which stood at the southern side of the round portion of the church. They may be approached by removing an iron grating, when the former level of the floor may be seen, together with some of the antient masonry. A large brick drain has, however, been carried through what is still left of the chapel.

[1] Addison, "Knights Templars," p. 520.

Under and to the west of the antient arches of the buttery are the remains of a chamber about twenty-three feet by fifteen, presenting the appearance of a small refectory.[1] The walls are of rubble and Kentish rag. The ceiling is supported by groined arches in stone, and an open fireplace, of somewhat later date than the main building, stands at the northern end. Beside it are two stone recesses, one somewhat resembling a piscina, the other undoubtedly a cupboard for utensils, as the rabbet for the door may still be seen. A window corresponding with that in the buttery looked towards the west, but is now blocked with masonry. I am disposed to think that this antient building may possibly have been the refectory of the priests, described indifferently in our records as the "Hall of the Master of the Temple" or the "Hall of the Priests." It is situate at the end of the cloisters leading to the church and to the west of the buttery, with which it communicated by a flight of stone steps, some of which still remain. It was surmounted by chambers on the south side looking towards the garden. In 1511 there is a reference to "the sixth chamber over the south side of the Hall of the Master of the Temple," thus clearly distinguishing it from the general refectory or hall of the Inn, which lay to the east of the buttery, and never had chambers or rooms over it. The floor of this chamber is on about the same level as that of the antient floor of the church and of the chapel of S. Ann. It is used at the present time for the storage of wine, for which it is well adapted by the fact that it is below the level of the surrounding land, dry and capacious. A brewery stood at the western end of the hall during the days of the Knights Templars. It was found fully equipped with vats, casks, empty hogsheads, tables, presses, and utensils required for the brewing of beer when King Edward's commissioners took possession in 1308, and there it still remained, brewing beer for the Society until its removal, in the present century, to make way for the necessary extension of the hall. The rest of the antient building of the Inn, if any, including all traces of the chapel of S. Thomas, is covered by modern brickwork.

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Long before the reign of Henry VII. the Inn had a library, a possession which places the old house, for educational purposes, in advance both of the Middle Temple and of Lincoln's Inn. A reference to the library as an existing building, with chambers under

[1] A sketch of this chamber will be found at p. 22.

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p. 97 it, will be found early in the records. In 1530 Mr. Audley, Speaker of the House of Commons, afterwards Lord Audley, Lord Chancellor, was permitted to have a door from his chamber leading into the library, "provided it be not hereafter to the nuisance of other members of the House." In 1498 a sum of money had been left to Lincoln's Inn towards building a library, but the matter was long delayed. The library was not completed for many generations, and was of no great account until the time of Sir Matthew Hale. In 1525 the Middle Temple had no library, and what few books they afterwards possessed were stolen before the Restoration through want of proper protection.[1] The foundation of Gray's Inn library appears to have been in the reign of Elizabeth.

The Parliament chamber, which was attached to the hall and the library on the southern side of the ecclesiastical square, was surmounted by a turret built of chalk, rubble, and rag-stone, like the walls of the church, and carried a bell under a wooden cupola. In this antient turret chambers were assigned to members of the Inn. It was still standing, though it had been much altered and repaired, in the year 1741, when it was found to be in so dangerous a condition that it was faced with stone. This, however, was badly done, and in 1816 it was again found to be thoroughly insecure. It was pulled down in 1866, and the present stone turret was erected in substitution for it, though not on the same spot. The square, with which we are all familiar in collegiate and ecclesiastical foundations, was thus complete. The north side was occupied by the church and the master's house, the west by the cloisters, the south by the refectories, the buttery, and the library, and the east partly by the master's garden and the graveyard, and partly by the garden or walks of the Inn. The centre was originally a graveyard, and there is some evidence of Knights Templars having been buried in this open space during the period of their occupation. It was afterwards probably used as a place of recreation. There were no buildings between the church and the hall until a much later date.

Certain great officials had also established their offices in the Inn. The Clerk of the Crown, who occupied the Crown Office in this Inn until its removal to the Royal Courts of Justice in 1882, was here in the reign of King Henry VII. The prothonotary

[1] Dugdale, "Origines," fol. 197.

and the filacer of the Common Pleas, the Keeper of the Writs, the officers of the Exchequer and the King's Bench, and others, were here, and by virtue of their position occupied their offices free of charge.

The river formed the southern boundary of the Inn, but the water-gate and the stairs were not yet completed, and although there seems to have been a bridge or pier as early as 1331,[1] yet there was no wall or embankment to protect the garden and the buildings from the tide. A gate led into the Streete, otherwise Fleet Street, on the north, the Middle Temple was the boundary on the west, and on the east was Whitefriars, with a gate standing in nearly the same position as to-day.

The buildings of the Inn were of brick. But the chambers were so few in comparison with the number of applicants, that two barristers commonly divided a set between them, and it was the practice, even in the case of the most distinguished members of the bench, to assign their sons, brothers, or personal friends to lie in the same chamber with them. The emblem of the two Templars on the same horse thus became typical of the Inn, which had hardly a chamber in its precincts not tenanted by at least two of its members.

The large garden of the Inn, lying between the river and the hall, is the subject of much antient tradition, not the least noteworthy of which is the alleged gathering of the red and the white roses by the respective champions of York and Lancaster before the outbreak of the civil strife known as the Wars of the Roses. Roses in the time of Chaucer were very prolific in England, as we know from his writings, and the Temple garden was probably cultivated with these, as with other sweet-smelling shrubs, at least as early as the time of Henry VI.[2] It is and always has been one of the lungs of London, and it will be found on perusal of these records that the care and cultivation of the garden have been objects of solicitude to the benchers alike under Tudors, under Stuarts, under the Commonwealth, and under the House of Hanover. In all the maps in our possession the trees in the lower part of the garden, and in the part now called King's Bench Walk, but formerly known as Benchers' Walk, are a distinct feature. In the

[1] Close Roll, 4 Edw. III., m. 7.

[2] Shakespeare in describing the scene between Somerset and Plantagenet in the Temple Garden refers to the smallness of the Hall in the words which he assigns to Suffolk. "Henry VI.," Part I., Act 2, Sc. 4.

p. 140 reign of Henry VIII. the gardener was dismissed for cutting the trees, and they probably stood here beside the river from time immemorial. Paths ran along the riverside from Bridewell on the east to Savoy on the west, and the embankment of the Temple Garden, which was completed under Henry VIII., left the pathway untouched
p. 106 between it and the tide.

In addition to the garden going down to the river, which was partly bounded on two sides by houses, with doors opening into it,
p. 66 there was a garden called "le Nutgardyne," and a "Nuttrey Courte,"
p. 289 while the fig tree was the centre of a cluster of chambers. "Le
p. 36 Outre Temple" appears constantly at this time, together with "le
p. 19 Bastelle," in which there were chambers belonging to the Society,
p. 40 and occupied by their tenants. There were also chambers in "le
p. 48 Barentyne," in "le Olyvaunte," in a tenement called "le Talbott,"
p. 19 and there was a building called in 1338 "the chamber of the Bishop
p. 83 of Ely." The terms Bastide, Bastelle, Bastion meant, according to Viollet-le-Duc,[1] an independent tower or fort, sometimes permanent, sometimes provisional. A drawing of the Temple in the possession of the Inn is dated 1563. It shows the relative positions of the Temple, with its gardens, the Strand churches of S. Clement and S. Dunstan, Temple Bar, etc., but it gives no definite information as to the distribution of buildings in the Temple. It indicates the square tower previously mentioned at the eastern end of the hall, but makes no mark of the Temple Church. A drawing was however published in 1770, by the Hon. Society of the Inner Temple, describing the Inn as it appeared in the year 1671, when the Duke of York, afterwards James II., was made a bencher, and before the great fire which occurred in the Temple in 1678. In this plan, of which a large copy is in the benchers' room, there appears directly to the north of the church, on or about the spot now occupied by Goldsmith's Buildings, a square or hexagonal tower rising above the roof of the church. I can find no account or identification of this tower, but I think that it was probably the "Bastelle" here referred to. It has long since disappeared, though under what circumstances I am not in a position to state. Le Olyvaunt, le Barentyne, and le Talbott suggest that certain houses in the Inn had signs to identify them, as

[1] "Dictionnaire Raisonné de l'Architecture Française," Paris, 1874. Vol. ii., p. 166.

was not an uncommon custom at that period. Thus "le Olyvaunt" I understand to mean le Olifaunt, the elephant, a well-known sign; "le Talbott" I take to mean the talbot, a dog of the nature of a white bloodhound, the crest of the Talbot family; while "le Barentyne" may have had some connection with the elephant, *barritus* being the cry of an elephant, and *barrinus* being the term used for elephantine habits or proportions.

The two Temples were divided by a lane, now called Middle Temple Lane, running from Fleet Street to the Temple bridge, or wharf, on the Thames, a structure which was maintained at the joint cost of the two Societies. It was an open thoroughfare, affording a means of communication by boat at all times between the north and the south banks of the river, and between the Temple and Westminster Hall. The lawyers, when they took possession of the New Temple, would have been glad to close this passage, anticipating the drawback it would be to the quiet enjoyment of their property to have an open thoroughfare through their midst. It appears, however, that an ordinance of Edward III.,[1] dated from Westminster, 10th January, 1331, stood in the way, for it was thereby ordered as follows:

"Whereas the King is given to understand that there ought to be a common transit by the middle of the Court (*per medium curiæ*) of the New Temple to the water of Thames as well for the Clerks of the Chancery and other ministers, as for others whomsoever wishing to go by the water aforesaid to Westminster from the rising to the setting of the sun, the King commands the Mayor (John de Pultney) to cause the gates of the Temple aforesaid to be kept as before was accustomed."

The thoroughfare was accordingly kept open to the public from sunrise to sunset, and so it was in the reigns of Henry VII. and Henry VIII., to the great inconvenience and danger of the barristers and others residing in the Inn.[2]

The governing body of the Inn at this period was composed as follows, each officer being elected yearly by the benchers on the morrow of All Souls (2nd November).

The Benchers.—Their number was not limited, and in order to secure a sufficient attendance for the business of the Society, they

[1] Close Roll, 4 Edw. III., m. 7. "Notes and Queries," Series VI., vol. iii., p. 64.

[2] Dugdale, "Origines," fol. 197.

from time to time selected from the utter bar such as they chose to be readers, and such others as they thought fit and proper persons to be made Masters of the Bench, a system of co-optation which still survives in the procedure of the Inn. They made orders to bind the rest of the Inn, and punished those who transgressed either by fine, by forfeiture of their chambers, by putting out of commons, or in serious cases by expulsion from the house.

A Treasurer.—This gentleman was elected yearly from among the benchers. His duties were: (1) To admit to the Society such as he thought fit. (2) To assign chambers to members of the Inn. (3) To collect the pensions or dues, and to receive the fines on admissions to chambers. (4) To pay the rent to the Lord of S. John's, and the cost of all repairs done to the chambers and generally to maintain the Inn. (5) To pay all wages and to appoint subordinate officials. (6) To render yearly an account of his office to be audited by members of the Inn.

The Governors.—Of these there were usually three, who were selected from the benchers, and originally had jurisdiction over the internal management of the Society. No order appears to have been made to discontinue the office of governor, but none were, in fact, elected after 27th October, 1566. A list of governors of the
p. 239 Inner Temple down to that period extracted from the books of the Society, will be found in Dugdale's "Origines," fo. 172.

A Reader.—This gentleman was selected from the utter barristers, and being elected reader, was in due course called to be a Master of the Bench. He had, during his period of office, precedence over other Masters of the Bench, and certain privileges with regard to the admission of members. He was, however, required to give entertainments which were of a costly character, and this he could only avoid by refusing the readership and paying a substantial fine to the house. This payment by the reader elect was in the year 1547 fixed at £40, with a further liability to lose his place on the
p. 185 bench, and to be remitted to the rank of an utter barrister. The reader had two attendants or assistants selected from the utter bar, who usually, in due course, themselves became readers. He was required to read or lecture a specified number of times on some legal subject, and to attend as moderator at a specified number of moots. Some of these readings, such as Treherne on the Forest

Laws, Bacon on the Statute of Uses, Callis on Sewers, and, at a later date, Jardine on the Use of Torture in England, are still preserved as accepted authorities on the subjects so treated. The reader was the most important man of the Inn next after the treasurer, and he had the right to hang his escutcheon or coat-of-arms on the walls of the hall. The earliest of these escutcheons is that of Thomas Littleton, author of the "Essay on Tenures," a reader in the time of Henry VI., and justice of the Common Pleas in the reign of Edward IV. The reader during his term of office was attended with great state, for although according to many of the entries the pursuit of knowledge was at times much neglected for the pursuit of pleasure, yet great reverence was shown to the embodiment of learning, which was supposed to be concentrated for the time being in the reader of the Inn. Readers were single and double. The latter were benchers who, having read once, were called upon at a subsequent period to read again, and were thenceforward held to be persons of great consideration in the law.

Four Auditors.—Two selected from the benchers, and two from the bar, audited the treasurer's accounts for the year, and gave a supper, at the cost of the Inn, on the occasion of their audit. This practice is still continued, but a dinner takes the place of a supper.

A Pensioner, who collected the pensions due to the Society, and accounted to the treasurer.

These were the officers of the house by whom all its proceedings were regulated. They met together frequently during and after term at what was and is known as the Bench Table, when orders were made for the governance of the Inn, for the calling of students to the bar, and for the election of barristers to the bench and to the readership. For more important matters the benchers met in Parliament, which gave the name to the Parliament Chamber. In course of time more subjects were assigned to Parliament, amongst which were the duties of calling students to the bar and of confirming the status of benchers who had been previously elected to that dignity. In respect of nomenclature the practice of the two Temples differs from that of the other Inns. Neither Lincoln's Inn nor Gray's Inn has a Parliament. Business is conducted at Lincoln's Inn by a Council, at Gray's Inn it is taken at a Pension.

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But inasmuch as feasting and hospitality were the antient and hereditary virtues of the Society, and as the members of the Inn

were mostly gentlemen of good station and of sufficient means, a special staff was organized to conduct the proceedings at certain festive periods of the year. These were Allhalloween, Candlemas and Ascension, of which the two former were the more important, and were celebrated with music, dancing, and stage plays. The following officers were for this purpose yearly appointed :—A *Steward for Christmas*, whose duties were confined to the Christmas vacation, lasting usually about three weeks; a *Marshal*, a *Constable Marshal*, and a *Master of the Game*. The most important, however, probably were the *Masters of the Revels*.—Of these there were sometimes one, sometimes more, whose duties varied with the fortunes of the Inn and the state of public affairs. We have no clear accounts of any revels at the time now under consideration, but at a later date the duties of the Masters of the Revels and of the Christmas officers must have been not only onerous but costly. The other officials of the house were a butler, who also had charge of the library and of the accounts; the manciple (*mancipium*), house steward, or purveyor, immortalized by Chaucer in the "Canterbury Tales;" certain under-butlers, pannier-men, cooks, gardeners, porters, and laundresses.

The hall, as set out for use in term time,[1] had a screen separating it from the buttery, and within the screen four tables. One across the hall was occupied by the reader, the treasurer, the Masters of the Bench, and from time to time by such noblemen, judges, and serjeants as formerly belonged to the Society, many of whom, as appears from the early records, still retained their chambers in the Inn. At a second table were seated the utter barristers, being those with full qualifications to practice, who also, after a certain period, were eligible to be called to the bench of the Inn, and to become masters of the Society. A third table was allocated to the inner bar or Gentlemen of the Master's Commons, who after certain years' service could be called by the bench to the dignity of utter barrister. The term *utter* (ulterior) is said by Dr. Johnson[2] to be taken from the Saxon *utter*, having for one of its meanings the word complete, suggesting that the barrister had completed all necessary preliminaries to being raised to the highest eminence in his profession. Jacob[3] says they were named utter barristers, as they were called to plead *ouster the bar*, thus

[1] Dugdale, "Origines," fol. 158. [2] Dictionary, title, "Utter."
[3] Dictionary, title, "Barraster."

distinguishing them from the barristers who were called to plead within the bar, as were the king's, the queen's, and the prince's counsel, and occasionally the benchers. The inner barristers at this period, and for long after, were thus lower in degree than the utter or outer barristers. The names have, however, of late years been entirely reversed, the description inner barrister being now assumed by the utter barrister who has been called to plead within the bar, and the utter or outer barrister being the junior. A fourth table accommodated the clerks commoners, gentlemen who had been admitted either by special or general admittance, or had come in due course from one or other of the Inns of Chancery. These, after certain probation, could be called or "tolted" to the Masters' Commons table, thence to that of the utter barristers, and thence to that of the Masters of the Bench. The clerks commoners table, therefore, as nearly as may be, corresponded with the students' table of the present day. On the other side of the screen was a fifth table, called the Yeoman's Table. This was occupied by the benchers' clerks, and was probably used by the benchers themselves when, on occasions described by Dugdale, they retired beyond the screen before coming into the hall on the occasions of the moots. There were also, on occasions, an officers' table, and a table for the singers.[1] p. 400 Beyond the screen and above the yeomen's table was the minstrels' gallery, a usual accompaniment to every antient hall.

The meat was served on platters and the drink in ashen cups, a p. 204 practice which continued until about 1560, when the use of wooden mugs was abandoned, and earthenware pots and jugs with a green glaze were substituted for them. The use of ashen cups was, however, continued in the king's court till at least the time of Charles II., when Dugdale says "they are still used."[2] The practice of drinking from wood was of very antient date in the Temple, for in the inventory of the Knights Templars above referred to,[3] I find "4 cups of maple wood with silver feet, value 2 marks, and 10 cups of maple without feet, valued 40$^{sh.}$", probably *mazers* or loving-cups, in the cellar of the order. The hall was strewed with rushes and lighted by candles, except on special occasions, when torches were also brought

[1] An account of the cloths, etc., for these tables will be found at page 400.

[2] "Origines," fol. 148.

[3] Baylis, "Temple Church," Appendix, p. 136.

into use, while a blazing fire of wood in the centre of the hall added to the light and warmed the apartment.

The early mode of tuition for the bar is known to us, though not very clearly, from Fortescue, who in the following passage describes for the benefit of his future king the manner of life in the Inns of Court: [1]

"There is both in the *Inns of Court* and in the Inns of Chancery a sort of an *Academy* or *Gymnasium*, fit for persons of their station: where they learn singing and all kinds of music, dancing, and such other accomplishments and diversions (which are called *Revels*) as are suitable to their quality, and such as are usually practised at Court. At other times, out of term, the greater part apply themselves to the study of the law. Upon festival days, and after the offices of the church are over, they employ themselves in the study of sacred and profane history. . . . I need not be particular in describing the manner and method of how the laws are studied in those places. . . . But I may say in the general, that it is pleasant, excellently well adapted for proficiency, and every way worthy of your esteem and encouragement. One thing more I will beg leave to observe, viz., that neither at *Orleans*, where both the *Canon* and the *Civil Laws* are professed and studied: and whither students resort from all parts: neither at *Angiers*, *Caen*, nor any other University in *France* (*Paris* excepted), are there so many students who have past their minority (studentes infantiam evasi), as in our *Inns of Court*, where the natives only are admitted."

To this it must be added that in term time the students attended the Courts and listened to the cases argued before the judges. In vacation time they attended in their own Inns and heard lectures by the appointed readers, who usually selected some statute or some branch of law for their subject. After this they took part in moots where supposed cases were discussed by them or their fellow students before the utter bar, the reader or sometimes the benchers, and they studied in their chambers or in the libraries to which they had access, the accepted digests of the law and the commonplace books of the counsel whose pupils they were. The system of test by examination was then unknown, and the only qualification seems to have been that the student should have spent a certain time in the Inn and have taken part in a certain number of moots.

This then was the condition of the Inner Temple in the twenty-

[1] Fortescue, "De laudibus," cap. xlix., p. 111.

first year of King Henry VII., when the earliest of our existing records begin. But the reign of Henry VII. was one of great interest to the legal profession. The king himself recognized his obligations to the lawyers. He acted on their advice in the earlier portion of his reign, he visited the Inns of Court in person, he was present on more than one occasion at the festivities consequent on the creation of serjeants,[1] and as I have elsewhere suggested, he placed the Chief Justices and the Chief Baron in the position of high officers in the Royal Household, and conferred upon them the right to use the collar of SS during their occupation of those judicial posts. His reign also secured to the people of England a durable peace by reconciling the conflicting elements of the civil war. Throughout the country great advances were made in public buildings, in churches, and in schools. But the lawyers, slow to accept accomplished facts, delayed setting their houses in order, and rebuilding and embellishing their homes, until the tranquillity of the country was sufficiently assured. Finding towards the end of the reign that insurrections at home were fruitless, and that attempts from abroad were equally vain, they also followed the example of their countrymen and began in their various Inns those outlays and improvements of which we now reap the benefit. The first step towards this result, taken by our Inn, was in the year 1507 (23 Henry VII.). The benchers then ordered and established that there be made a convenient chest, and "that hitt be sett in the parlement house with divers lokkes to the same, and that all the olde presidents, roullis, and other wrytynges perteyning to the Company, wich be not deliveryd unto the treasorer of the yere, for the tyme being, be put into the said chest." This box and its contents have now disappeared. The description of it however, with its various keys, corresponds curiously with the muniment chest kept in the Temple Church, an inspection of which shows it to be of earlier date than the charter which it contains.[2]

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The reign of Henry VIII. was inaugurated by *fêtes* given by the Inns of Court. For these the members of the Inner Temple were assessed at 16*d.* each as their contribution towards the cost of the stands erected at Westminster to witness the tournaments in

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[1] Bacon's "Life of Henry VII." (Spedding), vol. vi., p. 158.

[2] The muniment box in the church was actually purchased at the cost of the two Inns in 1607.

which the lawyers and others took part in honour of the king's accession. In this respect they followed a precedent set for them in Trinity Term, 7 Edward IV., when each Inn was ordered to supply four armed men for the king's guard,[1] and scaffolds were set up at Smithfield to see the feat of arms between Anthony Wydeville, Lord de Scales and the bastard son of the Duke of Burgundy, the necessary outlay being defrayed by a rate made on each Society. In other respects matters continued as before, both legally and ecclesiastically. The Lord of S. John still remained with his hall, his lodgings and his priests. He contributed £20 at the request of the Inn towards the
p. 74 embankment of the Thames, which was completed during the treasurer-
p. 106 ship of Mr. Pakington in 1553-4. He put up a clock to strike the
p. 45 hours as accustomed, and continued the performance of masses in vaca-
p. 67 tion as well as in term time, while the Society contributed 70*sh.* towards two new organs for the church. He also agreed, though under protest, to grant a perpetual lease to the Inn of their portion of the lands of the Order, which they formerly held at 20 marks per annum, at the
p. 106 reduced rent of £10 per annum. During this reign also, the hall was "zealed" or ceiled by the "payns" of Mr. Pilkington.

Among the admissions to be found in the early part of this
p. 18 reign is that of "the Abbot of Chester," on 12th May, 1510. This ecclesiastic was one John Birchenshaw, who had received his appointment in October, 1493.[2] His admission to the Temple was, however, contemporaneous with violent dissensions between himself and the Corporation of Chester, which ended in his being removed from his post in the following year. In 1530, however, he was restored to his former position, which he held to his death in 1537.

p. 48 Sir John Babington, a knight of S. John of Jerusalem, preceptor of Yveley and Barowe in the county of Derby, was admitted in 1519,
p. 61 and on the 25th April, 1521, William Fitz-William of the King's Council, and lately chamberlain of the most reverend Father Thomas, the Cardinal, was admitted by Anthony Babington the treasurer, in the presence of the benchers "and numerous other barristers," at the instance of John Baker, afterwards Speaker of the House of Commons. "And it is asserted that he is willing to give to the

[1] "Black Books of Lincoln's Inn," vol. i., fol. 149; "This order was hastily agreed to by both Temples against our wish but after agreed to by us."

[2] Dugdale's "Monasticon," vol. ii., p. 375.

Society in the time of Baker's reading a pipe of wine." This Fitz-William, originally a trader in London, was successively elected Alderman and Sheriff of London and Sheriff of Essex, where he was a landowner. He afterwards became treasurer and high chamberlain to Wolsey, and a member of the King's Council. The Cardinal seems to have inspired in him the same devotion and attachment that he aroused in Cromwell and in Cavendish, for after his master's disgrace Fitz-William entertained him at his manor of Milton in Northamptonshire which he had recently purchased. He died in 1534.[1]

Certain other admissions to the Inn during this reign indicate a change that was gradually coming over the procedure of the Courts, not, however, to take complete effect until the reign of Elizabeth. Up to the beginning of the sixteenth century the Barons of the Exchequer were confined to the duties of the collection and assessment of revenue, and the levying of fines inflicted by the sovereign or by his several Courts. When they went on circuit they were not permitted unless of the degree of the coif, which few, if any, of them were, except the Chief Baron, who was usually a justice of the Common Pleas, to try prisoners or causes. They, however, aspired for various reasons to be put on the same footing as their brethren in the other Courts, and, with a view thereto, began to have a legal training and to enter the Inns of Court. It will accordingly be seen that, beginning with the reign of Henry VIII., various gentlemen, to wit, Thomas Walsh, —— More, Frank and H. Bowland and others of the King's Exchequer, who were clerks in the Exchequer Office, were admitted to the Inn, and in course of time were elected benchers and governors of the Society. Several of them became Barons of the Exchequer, but not being Barons of the Coif, or in other words serjeants at law, like the Justices of the King's Bench and the Common Pleas, they retained their position in the Inn and remained as readers, governors, and benchers, although at the same time they sat as Barons in the Court of Exchequer. The first Baron of the Exchequer who held office in the Inn was Baron Blagge, who, in 1511, occupied the post of governor. The increasing importance and consequent precedence of the Barons of the Exchequer seems

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[1] "Dict. Nat. Biography," vol. xix., p. 230.

also to be indicated by a note made at the end of one of the entries in 1538. "A Baron before the Attorney General, which
p. 119 note." The gentlemen of the Exchequer afterwards came in greater numbers, and towards the beginning of the reign of Elizabeth, when business was rapidly increasing in all the Courts, certain of the Barons of the Exchequer became serjeants at law, and were designated *Barons of the Coif* to distinguish them from those barons who had not received the same legal distinction. In 1579 it was decided to place all the barons, except the junior baron, called the Cursitor, on the same footing as the justices of the other Courts, and Robert Shute, serjeant at law, was appointed baron with the same authority as the justices of the two Benches. From that time forward Barons of the Exchequer were selected from among the serjeants, and assumed the position of Common Law judges, a status which they held until their discontinuance in 1882.

The form or manner of making serjeants has been so fully described in the seventeenth century by Dugdale,[1] and in the present century by Serjeant Pulling in his "History of the Coif,"[2] that it would seem superfluous to say more on that subject, and I content myself with drawing attention to the fact that the first description of the making of serjeants from this Inn is to be found in Bacon's "Life of Henry VII.,"[3] when, in November, 1496, Humfray Coningsby and Thomas Frowyk of our Inn were called to the degree of serjeant at law. The king and queen were both present on this occasion at the serjeants' feast at Ely House, and again in November, 1503, when the serjeants' feast was at Lambeth Palace. The first entry in our records on this subject is in the year 1521 (13 Henry VIII.), when William Rudhale, John Poorte, and William Shelley
p. 63 were called to the degree of serjeant at law by the king's wish, and took leave of the Society on the 28th June, after vespers. The entry concludes as follows :

"Then those three Serjeants proceeded to the House of the Bishop of Ely in Holborne, the Society following, from the seniors to the juniors to the number of almost a hundred and sixty, and so they came to a certain parlour on the north side of the hall, where the rest of the serjeants of the other Inns had assembled, namely, from the

[1] "Origines," fol. 111. [2] London, 1884.
[3] Spedding, vol. vi., p. 158.

Middle Temple, Fitzjames, Brown and Yngrefeld, from 'Lyncoln Yn.' Wylloghby and Norwyche, and from 'Greys Yn' Fayrfax and Spylman. And after all the serjeants had come into the hall there, and set at the chief table, and the elders of the Inns with them, they had spices and many comfits (figmenta) with wine of every sort. And on Saturday they remained there and on Sunday the Chief Justice gave them a goodly exhortation in the great chamber at the end of the hall, and then he told them their pleas (narrationes) before delivered by the chief prothonotaries. '*Memo: Rudhall at hys departure lafte a silvour spone for the borde of the benchers for a remembraunz in custodia of the cheif butler.*'"

The internal discipline of the Inn also commenced to assume definite proportions. Certain barristers were fined for disorderly conduct. It was ordered that a book of admissions be kept. No shoff boord or slypgrote[1] was to be practised, nor any dice or cards to be used in the Inn under penalty of 3*s.* 4*d.* And in 1546 "the gentlemen of the Company" were ordered to trim their beards and to reform the cut of their clothes. p. 46 p. 102 p. 22 p. 63 p. 100 p. 142

In 1523 we find the first mention of the players (istruonibus), when it is ordered that an allowance shall be made for them as in the previous year—which was apparently 20*s.* There is no mention, however, of any plays, and I doubt whether any dramatic performance other than a masque or an interlude, was given in the Inn before the time of Elizabeth. p. 75

In 1520 (12 Henry VIII.) the benchers held a parliament on Christmas day, and, as there was no special, but a considerable amount of ordinary business transacted, I assume it was not an unusual event. p. 54

[1] In Strutt's "Sports and Pastimes of the People of England," London, 1845, p. 301, the game of shove groat or slypgroat is described. A parallellogram is made with chalk or by lines cut on the middle of a table about twelve inches in breadth and three or four feet in length, divided latitudinally into nine equal portions, in each of which is a figure in regular succession from one to nine. Each player has either a groat, a shilling, or a smooth halfpenny, which he places at the edge of the table and, striking with the palm of the hand, drives it towards the marks. According to the value of the figure reached the game is reckoned, which is usually thirty-one and must be made precisely. By 33 Hen. VIII. c. 9. shove groat or slide thrift is described as a "new and crafty game," and is prohibited as tending to discourage the practice of archery. "Quoit him down, Bardolph, like a shove-groat shilling," says Falstaff, "Henry IV.," Part 2, Act II., Sc. 4.

The term *Bencher* (lez Benchers) is first mentioned in the
p. 90 Records in 1527.

In 1534 is the first entry relating to the plate of the Inn, when the treasurer for the year acknowledges the receipt of the cup
p. 106 which Master Sutton, a late fellow of the Society, had presented
p. 114 to the Company. In 1536 reference is made to a certain gilt
p. 122 cup, then in the hands of the late treasurer's executors. In 1539 it
p. 124 was agreed "that a standynge pote of sylver which ys Master Sacviles,
p. 122 and also the stondynge cup of sylver shalbe put yn toe the cover yn the Parlyament howse," and the key be held by the Bench. In
p. 124 November of the same year it was ordered that Master Sakeffilde pay to the treasurer £3, and the treasurer deliver to him a pot of silver which was "in the coffer for a gage."

p. 118 In 1537 the first occasion is found upon which certain ascertained sets of chambers are allocated to the use of the governors and certain Masters of the Bench, to the exclusion of other members of the Inn. It was then ordered that ten sets of chambers, there described, shall be thereafter assigned to the governors and the members associated with the governors on the Bench.

p. 131 In 1542 it was ordered that all the officers who held their offices
p. 133 free of charge in the Temple, such as the Clerk of the Crown, the
p. 138 Chirographer, the Custos Brevium, the filazer of the Common Pleas, and others, should cease to occupy such offices, except at a rent to be settled by the Society.

The plague now began to be felt. The death of a student within
p. 27 the Inn in 1513 caused the commons to be adjourned, and a second
p. 29 death, that of one of the butlers, caused another adjournment. In
p. 40 1517 "the great plague of the sweating sickness" is again recorded.
p. 140 In 1545 it broke out in the gardener's house and caused consternation in the Inn.

p. 134 There are several references to the scarcity of bread and of pro-
p. 137 visions in 1544, and orders are made to meet such deficiency. This alleged scarcity of bread and provisions seems hardly consistent with the result of Professor Thorold Rogers' investigations of this period, when the harvests were good and wages were low.[1] It may well be, however, that the issue of base coin in the latter part of this reign had

[1] "History of Agriculture and prices," vols. iii. and iv.

its first and fullest effect in the markets of London, and that the prices of bread and other articles of food were raised in consequence. It certainly was a fact that wheat, which in 1520 was 9*s.* 4*d.* per quarter, and in 1544 was 9*s.* per quarter, rose to 15*s.* 6*d.* per quarter in 1545, after which it went down with equal rapidity for a few years, and then rose again from 16*s.* to 20*s.* and upwards.

The Reformation, which was the distinguishing feature of this reign, has left so little mark upon our records that it would hardly appear to have been recognized within our walls. The order of S. John of Jerusalem being one that did little harm and gave little trouble, was dealt with tenderly, according to the spirit of the times. Although the order was dissolved in 1540, yet the Reverend John Mableston, then Sub-Prior, the Reverend William Ermested, Master of the Temple in London, and Walter Lymsey and John Wynter the two Chaplains of the House, were permitted to enjoy for their lives their manor, houses, stipends and profits as heretofore, the said Master and Chaplains doing their duties and performing their services according to custom. This right was conferred upon them by the Act of 32 Henry VIII., c. 24, which entitled them, if so advised, to sue out Letters Patent, free of cost, to secure them in their offices, so that to all outward appearance the ecclesiastical establishment and the services of the church remained in substance the same during the two reigns of Henry VII. and Henry VIII. Indeed, so far as can be ascertained, the same course was pursued to a very much later date, for Stow, writing towards the end of the sixteenth Century, and describing existing facts, says,[1] of the Temple Church, "This Temple Church hath a Master and four stipendiary priests, with a clerk: these, for the ministration of Divine Service there, have stipends allowed them out of the possessions and revenues of the late hospital and house of S. John of Jerusalem in England as it had been in the reign of Edward VI." No reference to the statute of 32 Henry VIII. is however to be found in our books.

In 1541 a committee was appointed to act with the Middle Temple for the repairs of the church and of the bridge of the Temple. p. 129

In 1542, Master Keilway appears to have been appointed the first churchwarden. p. 135

[1] "Survey of London" (Strype, 1754), vol. i. p. 745.

In 1545, Master Willoughby was elected warden of the church
142 and of its goods and ornaments, and was ordered, in company with others of the two Inns, to make an inventory of the same and deliver it to the treasurer. These three entries complete the history of the reformation in the records of our society.

It appears, however, that not long after the passing of the Act for the dissolution of the Order of Knights Hospitallers, William Ermested, Master of the Temple by deed dated 2nd March, 1542,[1] leased to Sir John Baker, Speaker of the House of Commons and a bencher of the Inner Temple, for a rent of 40 shillings, "all that Mansion House or mesuage and le lodging adjoining to the church of the Temple called the Master of the Temple's lodging with all the appurtenances for 20 years provided that if either Sir John Baker or William Ermested should die within 20 years the lease should be void and provided further that the four priests of the Temple should have two honest chambers within the said mansion." In 1549 (2 Edward VI.), the reversion expectant on the determination of this lease and of the parliamentary grant to William Ermested and his chaplains was sold to John Berwick and Robert Freke (a member of the Inn). The purchase money was apparently £40, the tenure to be in "socage or free burgage." The position of the Temple at the death of Henry VIII. therefore was, that the master's house and its appurtenances, forming part of the ecclesiastical portion, were leased by William Ermested, the master, to Sir John Baker for a rent of 40*s*. per annum during their joint lives, and that the remainder of the ecclesiastical portion, including certain chambers, was kept in hand by the master for the benefit of himself and his staff. The lay portion was still held by the Inn at a rental of £10 per annum, but as tenants at will of the Crown and no longer as lessees of the Prior of S. John.

There is little, if anything, in the records themselves to indicate the pecuniary condition of the fellows of the Society in the early part of the sixteenth century, but among the MSS. in the Record Office is a Subsidy Roll of 1524,[2] which, among other matters, gives the names and the substance (*substancia in bonis*) of the fellows of the Inner Temple worth £40 and upwards other than those who were

[1] See Appendix II.

[2] See Appendix I.

officers in the courts of the King's Bench, Common Bench, or Exchequer. It contains seventeen names, mostly benchers, whose substance ranges from Johannes Mores, whose personal estate is put at £300 (equal to about £6,000 of to-day), to Thomas Audeley and four others, whose substance is £40. The assessment[1] (*subsidium domini Regis*) was 5 per cent. on the substance, Johannes Mores paying £15 and Thomas Audeley 40*s*. A similar return was made of the other Inns of Court and of Chancery, of the serjeants, and of the judges.

EDWARD VI.

The reign of King Edward VI. calls for little comment. An order made in 38 Henry VIII., that if any fellow elected reader refuse to read he shall lose his place on the bench, shall be remitted to the utter bar and be fined £40, was enforced in the case of Thomas Saunders, who, elected reader in 1547, refused to read, and was subjected to the penalties of the order. The same punishment was inflicted on Master Fuller, who was, however, reinstated after a long suit. In 1552, the judges were called in to decide on the conflicting claims of Serjeant Gawdy and Serjeant Keeling, each of whom claimed to be senior to the other, and thus to be freed from the duty of being reader which fell on the junior, with the consequent cost of giving the reader's feast. The Inn was, however, steadily increasing the number of its members. The chief butler, who was also librarian, was ordered to enter all the admittances on a parchment roll, a practice which is still continued, and a fourth butler was engaged at the same salary as the third butler "on account of the great multitude of the company." The library was repaired and the door into the chambers of Master Beaumont, the treasurer, was closed up for the safety of the books. A gate through which disorderly people obtained access to the Inn from the eastern boundary was also closed by arrangement with an adjoining landowner. The dearth of provisions caused the price of commons to be put up in 1551-52, and the morals of the Inn were guarded by a proviso that no woman should have recourse to a gentleman's chambers, except for advice in term time, under penalty of a fine of 3*s*. 4*d*. to be paid by the gentleman on each of her visits.

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The treasurer during the greater part of this reign was

[1] Lay Subsidy, divers counties $\frac{240}{273}$: November 21st, 15 Henry VIII.

Master John Beaumont, who was, in 1550, appointed Master of the Rolls. He was, however, convicted of forging a deed in the course of a trial and of peculation in his office and was punished accordingly.

There seems also during this reign to have been some addition to the gilt plate of the Inn, for it appears from an entry in the Privy Council Registers under date 17th June, 1552,[1] that Sir Robert Bowes, Master of the Rolls, was directed to deliver "a cuppe of sylver and gilt and graven with a cover," then in his possession to Sir J. Baker, Knt., the treasurer, to the use of the Inner Temple.

MARY. The reign of Queen Mary naturally called forth orders and directions relating to the church. Thomas Tresham, Prior of the Order of S. John of Jerusalem in England, was re-established,[2] and the "capital messuage and buildings called le Inner Temple and le Middle Temple in the suburbs of the City of London" together with the annual rent or pension of £10 payable by the treasurer of the Society of the Inner Temple and a similar sum by the treasurer of the Society of the Middle Temple were granted to him. The Prior thus once more regained possession of the Temple. Dr. Ermested, who had been Master under the former Prior of S. John of Jerusalem, still held his post. He had accepted the position secured to him by the statute, 32 Henry VIII., had attorned to the new Prayer Book under Edward VI., and was now content to continue the services of the church according to the views
p. 173 of Queen Mary. Books were at once ordered to be provided for the singing in the choirs and an assessment was made on the members
p. 193 of the Inn to pay the wages of the choristers. In November, 1555, two
p. 181 pairs of silver censers belonging to the church, which had apparently been kept in store to abide the turn of ecclesiastical events, were delivered by Anthony Stapylton the treasurer of the Inner Temple to Dr. Ermested, for the use of the church. It was ordered that all
p. 191 fellows of the House, in commons, should come to church, hear divine service, mass, matins, and evensong as heretofore, and that the said fellows should observe and keep eighteen offering days in the year
p. 191 "according to the antient laudable custom of this House." The

[1] "Acts of Privy Council," vol. iv. p. 82.

[2] Pat. 4 and 5, P. and M., p. 14.

Friars were once more brought upon the scene by an order which provided that every fellow and companion of the House should "pay every term to the Black Friars a fraction of a penny according to the antient custom heretofore therein used, so that the said Friars come and demand the same from the said companion."

According to Mr. Foss[1] and others, the domestic troubles of this reign had seriously affected public and private business, and the courts at Westminster, shorn of their judges, were well nigh denuded of barristers. This seems to have been accompanied by a corresponding access of trouble at the Inns of Court. For although the increase of the company required the assistance of a second "turne-broche," yet their conduct left much to be desired. A fine of 20*s*., which was threatened upon every barrister who wore a beard of more than three weeks' growth, caused several of them to warn themselves out of commons rather than comply with the order. In 1556 certain barristers misbehaved themselves, acting contemptuously towards the benchers, who committed eight of them to the Fleet prison, and expelled them from the Inn. Four of these offenders, however, on humble suit and petition to the bench, were graciously readmitted. An order of November, 1556, after reciting that the utter bar had taken upon themselves to call members of the Inn to the bar, contrary to the antient order of the house, declared that none should henceforth come to the utter bar who were not called thereto by the bench, who should meet once or twice in each year, according to their discretion, for such purpose.

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A further sumptuary edict as to the dress and accoutrements of the members of the Inn was promulgated in 1557, and it was also ordered that no fellow of the Inn under the rank of a bencher should keep a boy or lackey in the house under penalty of forfeiting his chambers, and paying a fine of 10*s*. for each offence.

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A distinct line of division was also drawn for the first time between the barrister and the attorney. An order of the 23rd May, 1557, provided that no attorney or other known solicitor of matters should be admitted into the house without the assent or agreement of Parliament. A further order of 28th June, 1557, provided that no

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[1] Foss, "Lives of the Judges," vol. v., p. 339.

attorney should be admitted to the Inn, and that in all future admissions it be made a condition that if he practices attorneyship he be *ipso facto* dismissed, but have liberty to repair to the Inn of Chancery whence he came, or to any other such Inn if he were member of none before. From this order there seems to have been no departure down to the present day, the four Inns of Court being constituted alone by members of the bar, and the Inns of Chancery still continuing to admit to their fellowship barristers, attorneys, and solicitors.

p. 172 p. 184 p. 197 The fluctuation in the prices of provisions caused from time to time changes in the charge for commons, and little was done towards increasing the buildings of the Inn beyond the construction of a new p. 182 kitchen in 1555, to defray the cost of which an assessment was made on all the members of the Inn.

p. 181 A call of seven serjeants took place in 1555, when Serjeant Prideaux, the senior, received a gift of £10. The usual speeches were made, the feast was given in the Inner Temple Hall, and the serjeants received from the hands of the judges, who formerly belonged to the Inn, the customary gifts of coifs, etc.[1] It is stated by Foss,[2] but does not appear in our records, that on the occasion of this feast the barristers took offence at the presence of the Lord Mayor with his sword and mace, and that as he went through the cloisters "his sword was willed to be borne down."

The death of Queen Mary left the Society worshipping in the old form under the old Master of the Temple in a reconverted church. The numbers of admittances had increased, though slowly. The fellowship of the Inn had been restricted to barristers and students, and the complaints of the bar had been subdued by orders which are even now in force. A series of plentiful harvests during the last years of the Queen had reduced the cost of all necessaries of life, and the general popularity of the protestant princess breathed a happy augury for the succeeding reign.

ELIZABETH. The change of the statutory religion which necessarily accompanied the accession of Elizabeth, had its immediate effect in the Inns of Court. One of the first Acts of her reign[3] restored the

[1] Dugdale, "Origines," fol. 129. [2] "Lives of the Judges," vol. v., p. 352.

[3] 1 Eliz., cap. 24, s. xii. Statutes of the Realm, vol. 4, p. 400 (fol. Record Edition).

ecclesiastical side of the Temple to its former condition and provided that the stipend and wages heretofore usually paid to the Master, the four stipendiary priests and the clerk out of the revenues of the Hospital of S. John of Jerusalem "be paid henceforth and for ever as heretofore in the last year of King Edward VI." William Ermested was still Master of the Temple at the accession of the new Queen. He accepted, however, this third change of religion, shortly after which an order was made by the Inn for the payment of 18*d.* p. 201 yearly by each of the members to his use. In 1560 Dr. Ermested died, and was succeeded by Dr. Alvey, a distinguished divine, and Canon of Westminster, who, having been deprived of his living and his dignities under Queen Mary, had gone into exile, but returning at the accession of Elizabeth had been restored to his former preferments. In that year, and again in 1561, conferences were held by p. 207 the two Inns to settle the best mode of enforcing the necessary pay- p. 213 ments for the Master's use. In May, 1564, a provisional order was made by the Inner Temple that the Master have from hence- p. 230 forth 18*d.* for 18 offering days that were wont to be used, to be paid by all fellows "of this Company" and levied by the Master, his servants, etc., 4*d.* to be paid at Easter, Trinity, and Hilary, and 6*d.* at Christmas. This scheme, however, was not adopted by the p. 231 Middle Temple, and the order was accordingly suspended until some settlement could be made at a conference between the two Societies. The two silver censers which had been removed from the Church after the Reformation and restored to it during the reign of Queen Mary, were again removed under Elizabeth, and found their way to the hands of Mr. Howe, treasurer of the Middle Temple. An p. 229 enquiry as to these was ordered and at the same time a conference was arranged for stopping up the door of some chambers of the Middle Temple abutting on the Church from a house occupied apparently by members of both Inns, whence the tenants and their friends could get on to the roundel. The roof of the Church, no longer repaired by the Lord of S. John, seems to have fallen into bad condition. Certain tenants of the Middle Temple had, it appears, made a way to the roof of the roundel over which they walked and injured the leads. An order had been made by the Inner Temple, in the time of Queen Mary, that "the door which the Middle Inn p. 196 have made in the Roundell shall be stopped up from them and that

none of them henceforth have any door into the said Roundell." A further order was now made that "the door made by the Middle
p. 229 Temple out of a chamber to go to the Roundell of the steeple and the leads of the Church should be stopped up." This entry is curious as suggesting, contrary to the generally accepted theory, that the dome of the round was then, as now, surmounted by a steeple.

In 1569 we find the first interference in our affairs by the Lords of the Privy Council, the Star Chamber and the Ecclesiastical
p. 252 Commission. In May of that year a letter was read at the Parliament from Sir Nicholas Bacon and other Lords of the Council to the benchers, stating that certain members of the Inn, to wit, Thomas Bawd, Robert Atchinson, Arden Waferer, Thomas Grenewood, and Andrew Greye, had been convicted in the Star Chamber of "misusing themselves in contempt of the laws of the realm and contrary to the laws ecclesiastical, partly in not resorting to the Church or other place of common prayers at accustomed time, partly in not receiving the blessed communion at time convenient, but contrariwise using other rites and services which are by the laws of the realm specially prohibited," and ordering that they be excluded from commons, be prohibited giving any such counsel in the law to any of the Queen's subjects as appertaineth to a counsellor or any minister in the law, and resorting to any bar or place of justice there to plead by plaint, defence or demand in any suit or cause belonging to the law, other than for themselves if they shall be by ordinary process thereto called. Also that Lewes Pollard and John Gray, fellows of the Inn, having been sent for to appear before the Ecclesiastical Commission to answer certain things whereof they were publicly noted to be culpable, had absented themselves, as the Council was informed, wilfully, and ordering that unless they surrender by the 25th of June next they be excluded from out of the Society of the House. Furthermore to avoid the increase of these contempts in that House, it was commanded "that no person of your Society being commonly and notoriously known or vehemently suspected to mislike of the rites and orders established in this realm for religion, be called or allowed from henceforth to come to any degree in that House until the same shall have sufficiently purged himself of the said suspicion;" and
p. 254 that a public notification be made of such order. This letter, having been read on the 5th was considered at a Parliament held on the

22nd May, 1569, but the records of that Parliament, like the records of the Commonwealth in the Commons Journal, have been torn out of the book. It appears, however, from a Minute of Parliament, dated 23rd November, 1572, that none of the absent parties having appeared before the High Commission Court, and none of the others having been reconciled, they were, by an Act of Parliament in Trinity Term, 1570, all expelled from the House. At the same time twelve other fellows of the Society were also expelled for non-appearance before the same Court on similar charges. In 1573, William Atkinson, one of the twelve so expelled, was re-admitted on a certificate from the Bishop of London and on his promise to receive the Holy Communion before Easter.

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The absence of definite information in our records upon this matter of interest to our Inn can be supplied from the State Papers of the period, which contain a report of the examinations of these gentlemen and of certain members of the other Inns before the Ecclesiastical Commission in the Star Chamber, and give the interrogatories administered to them with their answers, followed by a memorandum of Lord Burleigh as to the sentence to be passed upon them.[1] It is as follows:

"An abstract of the exãiacõn of such gintilmen of the Innes of Court which have byn lately conventyd before the quenes ma^tes comissions appoyntyd for causes eccliasticall together w^th the Interrogatories wheruppon every of them have been severally examynyd.

"Imprimis whether they and every of them have orderly uppon Sondaies and hollydais gon to their parryshe churche or other place of comon prayer and their abyden the heringe of Devyne S'vice w^thowt some reasonable cause and where they have so goñ to s'vice. 1 Interr.

"Thomas Bawde. — Saith that he hath usually beñ at the Tempell Church uppon Sondaies and Hollydaies, walkinge about the Roundell there.

Rob^t. Atkinson. — Saith in the vacacõn tymes he hathe usually gõn to the Church in the countrey. And saithe he hathe not gõn so often to Churche sins he hath been a practicyoner. Thynner Temple.

[1] "State Papers, Elizabeth—Domestic," vol. lx., No. 70.

'Ardell Waferer.	Useth to come to the Temple Churche and walk about the Roundell there.
" Tho. Grenewood.	Hathe seldome gõn to the Church by reason of the multitude of causes sins he was a practytioner. But he saith his prayers pryvatly in his chamber.
" Andrew Grey.	Saith that he usually goith to the Church at his house in the countrey and also in the Temple.

2 Interr. " Item whether they & every of them have yearly recevyd the coïon accordinge to the Lawe, viz, iij tymes a yere, sins midsomer the fyrst yere of the quenes ma[tes] raigne.

Thyñer Temple.

" Tho. Bawde.	Seythe that he hath not recevyd the cõion sins the quenes ma[tes] raigne but ons, and then he was injoyned so to do by the said comissyoners.
" Rob[t]. Atkinson.	Hath receved the cõion ons about a xij moneth last past at Ethrop in Oxfordshere, and ons in the beginning of the quenes ma[tes] raigñ by Iniuction as aforesaid and no more.
" Ardell Waferer.	Hath not recevyd the cõion sins the quenes ma[tes] raign.
" Tho. Grenewood.	Hath not receved the cõion but ons sins the quenes ma[tes] raigñ, and that was viij or ix yeres agoe by Iniūction of the Comissyoners.
" Andrew Grey.	Hath not receved the cõion sins the quenes ma[tes] raigne. Uppon divers occacõns, whereof the chefest was for that he was not resolved in conscience so to doe. Yet beinge nowe resolved he saithe that he intended to receve at his ꝑishe Churche, before his nowe conventyon on Whitsonday next.

3 Interr. " Item whether they and every of them have not hard other fourm̃ of prayer or s'vice then is appoyntid by the Lawes, viz, masse, mattens or evensonge in Latten or have byn shreven or howselid after the popish maner.

" Tho. Bawde.	Denieth to have offendyd in this Interrogatory sins the time he was conventyd before the comissyons abowt viij or ix yeres agoe.
" Robt. Atkinson.	Sathe that he nevyr offendyd in the matters mencyonyd in this Interrogatory sins the time he was convented as befor.
" Ardell Waferer.	Desireth that he may not be compelled to answer to this Interr for that there is a penall statute for suche as offend in the same.
" Tho. Grenewoode.	Desireth he may not be compelled to aunswer to this Interr because the offence cōteyned in the same ar punishable by statute, and a penall Lawe for the same.
" Andrew Grey.	Denieth to have offended in any poynt mencyonid in this Interrogatory.
" Lewes. " Pollard. " Jon Grey.	Gent of that Howse being sent for have not apperyd.[1]

Thynner Temple.

The following is the Memorandum of Burleigh appended to the Abstract:

" Putt out of Comes and lodgyn in y^e^ house Forbeare to gyve consell to any ye Q. subiects as coen pleders.

" Forb also to resort to any barr of any Court to pleade by any maner wise.

" And thus to contynew they shall reconcile them selves to obs've y^e^ laws ecclesiasticall and thereof shall have y^e^ testymony for y^e^ B. of London.

" Others to appeare before y^e^ B of Lōdō before y^e^ of or and thereof to bryg certificat to y^e^ ancientes or els to be ther declared & aiudged no fellows of y^e^ hous nor suffer to etc."

In 1577 further steps were taken against the Inns of Court and George Bromley and Edward Flowerdewe, benchers of this Society

[1] *Endorsed.*

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The examination off certeyn gentlemen off the Innes of Court.

1. For comynge to s'vice.
2. Receivinge the Comunion.
3. And hearynge off Masse, etc.

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made a return of recusants within the Inner Temple in the following terms:[1]

"INNER TEMPLE.

"Robert Atkinson of the Countie of Oxon. Thomas Bawde. Arden Waferer of London. James Braybroke of the Countie of ——.	These beinge utter barristors of our howse & notoriouslye suspected to be obstinatelye bent to papestrie have for the same bine expulsed and as yet shewed no conformitie to our knowledge. What the state of their lyvelode are we knowe not.
Andrew Grey of the Countie of Hertff a bencher of our howse hath bine heretofore convented for Religion, but sithens hath shewed good tokens of Conformitie & resorteth to the Churche at convenient tymes. His lyvelode we knowe not.	
Nicholas Sanky of the Countie of Gloc̃. Francis Folliott of the Countie of Wygorne.	being utter barristers of our howse have heretofore bine suspected and convented, but sithens have used some tymes to come to churche. Their livelode we knowe not.
Richardson of the Countie of Wygorne an utter bar̃. Pollard of the Countie of Devon fled beyond the seas as it is said. Lewes of the Countie of ——. Walsingham Saunders of the Countie of Surrey. Hewgh Wyot of the Countie of Devon. Richard Clarke of ye countye of ——. Robt Rowth an Irissheman. Roche an Irissheman. Pygott Junr. Francis Wafferer of London. Gerard Maryne. James Morgan a Welshman.	These are discontinuers but whyles they continued in our howse, were vehemtly suspected & lres directed for the conventinge of thē. Wher upon they absented them selves & sithens have not comen emongest us. Of what dispocicõn they are now in Religion or what their lyvelodes are we knowe not.

[1] "State Papers, Elizabeth—Domestic," vol. cxviii., No. 69.

William Atkinson of the Countie of —— heretofore convented now cometh to Churche at some tymes. What his lyvelode is we knowe not.

Andrewe Mallory of London whose father was maior of London.

Lone of the Countie of Kent eldest sonne of Mr. Richard Lone one of the pregnotoryes of the Comen Place.

Wilton Drewe of the Countie of Devon an officer in the Comen Place.

Vehemently suspected, yet doe come now & then to Churche. Their lyvelode we knowe not.

Thomas Coppley of the County of Suf esquier absenteth him self out of the realme.

Michaell Hare of the Countie of Suff esquier.

Robt Hare & Willm Hare his brethren late of the Countie of Bark.

These have not of longe tyme continued emongest us but are publykelye noted to be verie backward in Religion. The state of their living and substance we knowe not.

Samson Erdyswycke of the Countie of Staff.

Gawen of the Countie of ——.

David Stradlinge of the Countie of Glamorgan.

Henry Shelley of the Countie of Sussex.

Baggard of the Countie of Hereff.

Bekinsall of the Countie of Southt.

Colwell of the Countie of ——.

Charles Dymocke of the Countie of Lincoln.

Henry Everarde of the Countie of Suff.

Francis Fitton of the Countie of Chester.

Hutton of the Countie of ——.

George Kenne of the Countie of Somsett.

Robt Powell of the Countie of Oxon.

Willm Skynner of the Countie of ——.

Willm Seyborne of the Countie of Hereff fled beyond the sea as it is said.

These continue not emongest us but whyles the continued were much noted, and yet are to our knowledge vehemtlye to be suspected, their havyor & state of lyvinge we knowe not.

Edward Parry of the Countie of ——.
Gryffeth of the Countie of ——.
Richard Birde of the Countie of Hereff.
Cramner of the Countie of Nottingham.
Michaell of the Countie of Glouc.
Willm Parry of the Countie of ——.
Brocke of the Countie of ——.
Bacon jun[r] of the Countie of ——.
Pitt a fillizer of the Comen Place.
Raynolde of the Countie of ——.
Halsworth of the Countie of York.

} greatly suspected & come but seldome to church. Their livelodes we knowe not.

Willm. Fitton.
Titcheburne.
Wakeman.
Wyseman.
Brabant.
Fuliambe.
Puleston.

} dowted of } Richard Carewe of the countie of Devon greatly suspected & cometh not to Church His lyvelode we knowe not.

G. BROMLEY. EDW. FLOWERDEWE.

"*Endorsement.*
"Novembris 1577.
"Inner Temple.
"Certificat of the Recusants."

Dr. Ermested's lease to Sir John Baker and others having expired by his death, the grant of the reversionary interest in the master's house and grounds by Edward VI. became effectual, and the property ultimately vested in a Mr. Roper, the house being
p. 334 thenceforward known as Mr. Roper's house. This, with the grounds
p. 336 appurtenant, was in 1585-6 purchased of Mr. Roper by the two societies jointly, who used it as a residence for the Master of the Temple under its former appellation of the Master's House. An
p. 334 assessment of a double pension on each member of the Inn, made in May 1585, provided the necessary funds. About the same time further regulations were made for the Church. The hours of divine service were fixed at 6.30 a.m. in term time, and 7 a.m. in vacation.
p. 321 The Holy Communion was to be administered four times in the year,

according "as the laws and Her Majesty's injunctions do prescribe and allow of, and not in any other manner." A great standing box well bound with iron was set up in the church to receive the contributions of the charitable. And the money so given was to be "employed to the relief of prisoners or to such other charitable uses as to the benchers of the houses shall be thought meet and convenient." The choir door was to be kept by one of the butlers so that no woman should come into the choir, and that all other strangers should be excluded except noblemen and knights. With a view to keep order in the church and to ascertain the names of those members of the two societies who failed to attend the church and to communicate at the prescribed seasons, power was given to the Master to nominate two gentlemen from each house, "such as he can persuade to take upon them that office and charge and withal such us the benchers shall well like and allow of," as overseers in the church. These overseers were to signify the names of offenders to the Master, who was to admonish them privately, and in default of reformation to report them to the bench.

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Sometime before his death Canon Alvey was attacked with illness, and being unable to discharge his duties, Mr. Walter Travers was appointed Divinity Lecturer or Preacher at a salary of £20 per annum, raised by an assessment upon the members of the two societies. In 1580-1, as the result of a conference between the two houses as to the *preacher*, it was ordered that the present preacher be confirmed in his post, subject to his bringing recommendations from the Bishop of London, or from two Bishops of the High Commission, "and that he also do preach two other days weekly besides the Sunday, and the Sunday at his own pleasure, and that he do also preach in his gown or some other decent apparel and not in a cloak." For his maintenance a levy of 8*d.* per term was assessed upon every member of the Inn. In or about August, 1584, Canon Alvey died. According to Isaak Walton he was much respected as a man of strict life and of great learning, and was generally known as "Father Alvie." And it is said that at the reading in the Temple after his death, the Archbishop of York (Dr. Sandys), being at dinner with the judges, the reader and benchers of the society "met with a condolement for the death of Father Alvie, an high commendation of his saint-like life, and of his

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great merit both to God and man."[1] The bench in the following
p. 332 November made a grant of five marks for the relief of his widow. On the death of Dr. Alvey, the Queen, in whom the right of presentation to the Mastership had become vested, was solicited by Burleigh on behalf of Mr. Travers, who had been his chaplain, and for whom he had procured the appointment of afternoon preacher. This solicitation was strengthened by the statement that Dr. Alvey, shortly before his death, had expressed a hope that Mr. Travers might be his successor.[2] The Queen, however, having consulted with Archbishop Whitgift, declined to appoint him by reason of the intolerance of his views on Church matters, and of some doubts as to the validity of his priest's orders; and at the same time she also passed over Dr. Bond, afterwards President of Magdalen College, Oxford, the nominee of the Archbishop. Ultimately, in 1585, on the recommendation of Dr. Sandys, Archbishop of York, to whose son he had been tutor, Mr. Richard Hooker received letters patent appointing him Master of the Temple. *Magister sive custos Domus et Ecclesiæ Novi Templi.* On the 7th February, 1584-5, an order was made giving notice to Mr. Travers that the House would no
p. 333 longer pay him the yearly pension of £20, "which was allowed to him at the request of Mr. Alvey to supply his weakness, who, being now dead, Mr. Hooker, now appointed to be Master of the Temple, is either in person to preach, or else, at his charge, to furnish the place with a sufficient preacher." Mr. Travers, however, continued for a time Lecturer at the Temple, and the scandal was then seen of the Master and the Reader preaching against each other in the same Church, so that it was said "the forenoon sermon spake Canterbury and the afternoon Geneva."[3] There was little of bitterness, however, in these sermons for the two preachers held each other in high estimation. Isaak Walton speaks of Mr. Travers as "a man of competent learning, of a winning behaviour and of a blameless life,"[4] and Hooker says of his opponent, "I believe him to be a good man."[5] This controversy drew crowds to the Temple Church, and after a time waxed so hot, and the evil consequences

[1] "Dict. Nat. Biog.," vol. i., p. 349.

[2] "The works of that learned and judicious divine, Mr. Richard Hooker, with an account of his life and death by Isaak Walton," Oxford, 1850, vol. i., p. 20.

[3] *Ibid.*, p. 41. [4] *Ibid.*, p. 41. [5] *Ibid.*, p. 35.

became so apparent that the Archbishop prohibited Mr. Travers from further officiating in the Temple Church. He thereupon appealed to the Privy Council.[1] An answer to his petition of appeal was published by Hooker,[2] with the result that, notwithstanding the support both of Burleigh and of Leicester, Mr. Travers' appeal was unsuccessful and he left the Inn. The contrast, however, between the moderation of Hooker and the violence of Travers had raised dissensions in the Temple where, though the chief benchers gave much reverence and encouragement to Hooker, yet he met during his whole term of office with much opposition from many who agreed with the strong views of Mr. Travers. And accordingly in 1591, "weary of the noise and opposition of this place"[3] he was at his own request presented to the living of Boscomb in the diocese of Sarum, and was shortly after made Prebendary of Salisbury. He thereupon resigned the Mastership, after holding it for an unquiet period of six years. His residence in the Temple was not, however, without benefit to his country, for during that period, instigated by his contests with Mr. Travers, he began his Treatise on the justification of our Laws of Ecclesiastical polity which he concluded in his quiet country parsonage, and of which he published the first four volumes in 1594.[4] Hooker was succeeded by "Master Doctor Bawlgy" of Magdalen College, Oxford, who, dying in 1601, was in turn succeeded by Dr. Thomas Masters, son of Dr. Masters, Physician to Queen Elizabeth. This gentleman held the post until 1628 (4 Car. I.). In the meantime, however, the Archbishop of Canterbury had applied for an increase of "Mr. Doctor Balkeys" allowance, but apparently without effect, though after his death his widow claimed and probably received a grant. In 1600, Mr. Thomas Lyd, "minister or reader," under "Dr. Balguy" was voted 50*s.* a year for his services provided the Middle Temple did the same.

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The position of the *Clerk of the Church* was also recognized, and he was permitted to have a life estate in the little house he had lately built adjoining the church, "he providing yearly during the said term a lantern and candle light every night, in the same place, from the feast of St. Michael to the feast of the Annunciation at his own cost." For his services in the church he had a yearly offering

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[1] *Ibid.*, vol. ii., p. 654.
[2] *Ibid.*, vol. i., p. 54.
[3] *Ibid.*, p. 672.
[4] *Ibid.*, p. 56.

of 4*d.* from every gentleman of the house. This clerk was Richard Baker, formerly the minister, who, having built the clerk's house with certain shops at his own expense, sold the office of Clerk of the Church to one Middleton, for £20. This sale of the office was inquired into by a joint committee of the two Inns in 1593, who,
p. 389 while "they much disliked such buying and selling of the clerkship," allowed the bargain to stand in consideration of the money expended by Baker in his buildings, and confirmed Middleton in the office.

About the time of the Armada the trouble with the papists appears to have ceased, but the puritan element then became a cause
p. 353 of disturbance. In June, 1588, an order was made that every gentleman of this House who "shall be in commons there or lie in any chamber there by the space of one week, and shall be absent from the service in the Temple Church on the *Sabbath Day* in the same week . . . shall forfeit and pay this House for every such default 12*d.* except he shall have such reasonable excuse as the Bench of the
p. 362 House shall be allowed of." In November, 1589, the advance of Puritanism was shown by the fining of nine members of the Inn 6*s.* 8*d.* each for wearing their hats in the church and at the kitchen door, and one for wearing his hat in the Parliament House, "he being
p. 377 at dinner there." And in November, 1591, certain barristers were "put out of commons for not singing upon Hollymas day last, being specially warned beforehand to provide for their songs."

In June, 1602, Dr. Masters appealed to the Inn for their assistance
p. 448 inasmuch as certain members of the Inn and others who occupied chambers belonging to the master, would neither go out nor pay the rent, and a conference was ordered with the Middle Inn upon the subject. I have found among the miscellaneous papers of the Inn a small MS. volume called "The Clarke of the Temple Church his Booke," to which some one has added "1653." It was, however, begun by the clerk in 1629, and finished by him in 1638, as appears from the entries of the Communion money for each of the years 1629-1635, and from the list of "Maisters of the Bench of the Inner Temple" in which are included many names afterwards well known in public affairs, and of whom Mr. Edward Herbert, A. G. to the Queen, was treasurer. This fixes the date as 1638. The other entries in the book are of much later date and in different hands. In it the clerk keeps an account of the rents receivable for the use of the master and of other

payments to the master, the curate, and the clerk himself. Although these entries are of a later date by some 30 years than the application of Dr. Masters, yet they give a sufficiently accurate estimate of the income of the Master of the Temple, and of the sources whence it was derived. His emoluments were as follows :

Chambers in Parson's Court belonging to the Master of the Temple . . . . . per ann.	£36 11 4
Chambers in the Churchyard belonging to the Master of the Temple . . . . per ann.	£18 0 0
Chambers belonging to the M[r] of the Temple collected by Thos. Lane servant to the under-treasurer of the Middle Temple and by him paid to the Maister . . . . per ann.	£26 0 0
Total rents per ann.	£80 11 4

The Maister of the Temple receives :

Of the Steward of the Inner Temple for the parson's role	£20 0 0
Of the Chief Butler of the Inner Temple for the one half of the fee out of the Exchequer . .	£ 8 13 4
Of the Steward of the Middle Temple for the Parson's Role £5 per term . . per ann.	£20 0 0
Of the Under treasurer's man for his Exchequer fee	£ 8 13 4
The M[r] of the Temple hath a yearly fee out of the Exchequer of	£20 0 0
The Communion Money 1629-1635 inclusive was after the necessary deduction . . per ann.	£31 11 0
The Certaine yearly Profites of the Maistershipp of the Temple are with contingencies . . .	£189 18 0
The Certaine yearly Profitts of the Curates' place were	£22 10 0
with a chamber	£ 2 0 0
which the master was to make up to £30.	

The Certaine yearly profitts of the Clarke's place were, including the rent of a bookseller's shop;

from the "Inner House".	£9 8 0
from the Middle Temple.	£7 10 0
	£16 18 0

p. 451 In November, 1602, Thomas Middleton, clerk of the church, was granted a payment of 10*s.* a year (the Middle Temple concurring) for ringing a little handbell in each court as the fellows complained that they could not hear the church bell when it rang. This was, I suppose, the saints' bell which hung in a wooden cupola on the western end of the square portion of the Temple Church. The fee is included in the "certain profitts" of the clerk above mentioned.

The commencement of Elizabeth's reign brought us into temporary conflict with the Middle Inn. It appears that Strand Inn, an Inn of Chancery belonging to the Middle Temple, had in 1549 (3 Edward VI.) been pulled down by Edward, Duke of Somerset, to make way for his building at Somerset House. This resulted in the Middle Temple being left with only one Inn of Chancery to provide it with students, viz.: New Inn, formerly known as Our Ladye Inn. The benchers of the Middle Temple, finding themselves thus deprived of one of their limbs, had taken steps to improve their position by moving the Keeper of the Great Seal to issue an order depriving us of Lyons Inn, one of the three Inns of Chancery belonging to this House, and annexing it to the Middle Temple. In this proceeding the Middle Temple was supported by the two Chief Justices, Sir Robert Catlyn of the King's Bench, and Sir James Dyer of the Common Pleas, both of them formerly benchers of the Middle Temple. In their trouble our benchers appealed to the reigning favourite, the Lord Robert Dudley, afterwards Earl of Leicester, who, by his influence with the Queen, procured a stop to be put to these proceedings, and we remained for ever afterwards in tranquil possession of Lyons Inn. In return for this service, Lord Robert, who was a member of the Inn, had the honour of seeing his coat-of-arms set up in the Hall and the Masters of the Bench published an Ordinance passed by them in a Parliament of
p. 215 the 16th November, 1561, declaring that in consideration of his

Lordship's services to the Inn, no member of the Society should ever hold a retainer as counsel against him in any suit in which he might be engaged. The minute of this Ordinance is specially interesting from the fact that it sets out the relationship between the Inns of Court and the Inns of Chancery, and the mode in which, by Lord Robert Dudley's intervention, Queen Elizabeth's ring was sent to the Lord Keeper, and Lyons Inn was preserved to this Society. It commences as follows :

"Whereas we the company and fellowship of the Inner Temple p. 215
in London, now have and enjoy and all our predecessors of the same fellowship and company, by all the time whereof no memory of man is to the contrary, have had used and enjoyed the readings of the three Inns of Chancery called Clements Inn, Cliffords Inn and Lions Inn, which said Houses by reason thereof have ever been accepted and taken as members united and annexed to the body of this our House, and by all the same time the fellows and students of this our House have from time to time ministered and imparted to the fellowship and companies of the same three Houses of Chancery, the learnings and knowledge of the law by readings, moots, and other kinds of learning : and also the Governors, Benchers and Antients of this our House from time to time have been ready to give their advice, and have had a great zeal and tender care to the preservation, furtherance and good government, increase and continuance of the same Houses of Chancery, and have always been ready by reason of their antient amity and union, at all times to nourish and further them as *impes* and loving members of this our House, which they, united to us by this antient and long continued friendship, ever have and yet do still thankfully and in good part receive. By reason of which unity and antient friendship the number of students as well in this House as in the said Houses of Chancery doth much increase, whereof there is great hope and likelihood that as many learned men shall proceed as have in any one age before this time. Yet nevertheless" suit had secretly been made to Sir Nicholas Bacon, Keeper of the Great Seal, that he should without any default on our part "by his own power and authority take order to sever and cut off from the body of this our House one of the said Inns of Chancery or members of the same our House and annex or appoint the same to the fellowship and company of the Middle Temple." That in consequence

the benchers were called before the Lord Keeper when "the two Chief Justices earnestly maintained and furthered the matter against us," so "considering the earnestness of the said Chief Justices and that they both and the most part of all the other justices of both the benches and of the Barons of the Exchequer now being, had been of the fellowship of the Middle Temple" they humbly made suit to Lord Robert Dudley, K.G., master of the Queen's Majesty's Horse to be their refuge and means to the Queen on their behalf. The result of this intercession was that "his Lordship hath so earnestly and honorably moved the Queen's Highness on our behalf therein, that at his Lordship's suit and contemplation it hath pleased Her Majesty . . . . to send Her Majesty's ring as a token to the said Lord Keeper, and also in her royal person to speak to the said Lord Keeper to cease, and no further to proceed or meddle in the same matter, but to suffer us to continue our said antient and just possessions to the readings of the same three Houses of Chancery," which the said Lord Keeper, being of the company of Gray's Inn, which had been of antient amity and fellowship with this House, gladly obeyed and stayed all further proceedings.

p. 219 This was in November 1561, and in the following month a grand and solemn Christmas was kept in honour of the favourite. A long account of this pageant and of the consequent feasting is given in p. 119 Dugdale,[1] and in Gerard Legh's "Accedence of Armorie."[2] According to this Lord Robert was the chief performer, being Constable-Marshal, Palaphilos, Prince of Wisdom, and patron of the honorable order of Pegasus. Among his assistants at this feast were Roger Manwood, who seventeen years afterwards (in 1587), was appointed Lord Chief Baron, and Christopher Hatton, afterwards (in 1587) Lord High Chancellor. The former of these, in a spirit of prophecy, played the part of a mock Chief Baron of the Prince's Exchequer, and the latter was Master of the Game. The company were summoned to dinner by the sound of "double cannons" in great number, the feasting lasted apparently for two days, and twenty-four gentlemen of the Inn were dubbed Knights of the Order of Pegasus. It does not appear whether ladies were present at these revels, I think they were not, but on

[1] "Origines," fol. 150.

[2] Published first in 1562—followed by many other editions.

banqueting nights, when visitors were invited[1] to see a play, or a masque, ladies were provided with seats in the hall, and after the "sports" were ended, they were escorted into the library, where a supper was provided for them; the Lord Chancellor and certain antients of the other Inns remaining in the hall, where a special table was reserved for them, and they were served by members of the Society, who also danced and sang and made sport for their entertainment.

A full account is given by Dugdale[2] of the Great Christmases at the Inner Temple, with details of the feeding, the prices charged, the dancing, singing, revelry and sports, which he professes to have extracted from the accounts of the Society. It is interesting to those who seek information as to the amusements of our ancestors, and its perusal will suggest that there must have been much wealth and good fellowship among the members of the Inn, together with sound constitutions, and the vigour, elasticity, and light-heartedness of youth. But the charges upon the readers and others beyond their allowance from the Inn for drinkings, dinners, and other entertainments, were felt to be "intolerable," by reason of the great resort of the Queen's Councillors and other very many honourable persons, and the multitude of fellows and commoners within the Society. Orders were accordingly made in 1563, for the relief of the readers, p. 228 by an assessment upon every fellow in commons during the week of the reader's dinner, at 2*s.* for the dinner and 12*d.* for the drinking.

The account of this grand Christmas, kept in honour of Lord Robert Dudley, suggests some considerations as to the adoption by the Society of a Pegasus for their badge or coat-of-arms. It has been generally assumed on the authority of the Hon. Daines Barrington, a prolific writer on general and antiquarian subjects during the last century, that the Pegasus was adopted by the Inn in the year 1563 (5 Elizabeth). He says in a letter to the Society of Antiquaries, dated 28th February, 1788:[3] "In 5 Elizabeth the former [Inner Temple] assumed arms and a seal by the suggestion of Master Gerard Legh, an herald of that time, who was a member of this Inn of Court. The device was a Pegasus luna on a field argent." Master Gerard Legh, however, though he wrote a somewhat eccentric book

[1] Dugdale, "Origines," fol. 157. [2] "Origines," fol. 153.
[3] "Archæologia," vol. ix., p. 127.

on heraldry, was not a herald, nor a member of the College of Arms, and there is no trace of his ever having been a member of the Inner Temple. Nor is the device correctly described by Mr. Barrington, for it has always been a Pegasus argent on a field azure. Gerard Legh, however, in his "Accedence of Armorie," an edition of which was published in 1563, shortly before his death from the plague in October of that year, gives a detailed account of this festivity, describing Lord Robert as the Prince of Wisdom and Patron of the Noble Order of Pegasus, together with the ceremony observed on the occasion of twenty-four members of the Inn being made Knights of the Order of Pegasus. It is consistent with this that Gerard Legh might have suggested the device and even have arranged the details of the whole festivity, which to him, as a student of heraldry, would have been a congenial occupation. But there is good reason to doubt whether, in fact, Gerard Legh was the author or arranger of this festival, as we find that in 1561-62 one Arthur Broke, a fellow of the Inn, was granted a special
p. 220 admission without payment "in consideration of certain plays and shows at Christmas last set forth by him." From this it would seem that Master Arthur Broke, and not Master Gerard Legh, is entitled to the honour of having organized this ceremony. And it is also to be observed that nowhere does Gerard Legh suggest that he was himself the originator of the show, or that he proposed the arms of the Society. It does, however, give rise to this dilemma. Either the Pegasus was believed to be the badge of the Inn before the time of Elizabeth, and the show was made to revolve round the antient symbol of the Inn, which appears to me to be by far the more probable explanation; in which case, however, we must dig again into the bowels of archæology to find the date and reason of its adoption; or it was assumed after and by reason of the success of the festival. In the latter view, which I hesitate to accept, the quaintly poetical but altogether inconclusive accounts of its history and adoption are blown to the winds, and its origin would appear to have no more solid or satisfactory foundation than the passing fancy of a student's revel or the ornamental device of a Christmas cake. The Pegasus is described as "a great escocheon of honour," and of great antiquity, but it can hardly be considered appropriate to the Inn, and the best that can be said for it is, that it is consecrated by a user of more than three centuries, and is at least as

appropriate and intelligible as many of the crests of our nobility and gentry. I am, however, disposed to trace the badge to some other source. The galloping horse is a very antient symbol of this country. It appears almost universally as the device on the oldest known British coins, the staters of the last century before Christ. Many of these are from time to time found in the south-eastern district, mainly in Kent, which county still retains the horse as its emblem.

A probable suggestion, however, naturally arises from the history of the badges of the Knights Templars. Their original banner was a parti-coloured flag of black and white, and their seal, representing the early traditions of the order, was the figure of a horse carrying two knights, typical of the charity and humility of the fraternity of the poor brothers of Christ.[1] At a later date, the knights adopted as a second seal the Agnus Dei with the flag and the red cross. The first instance of this later seal is said to be in 1241, nearly a century and a half after the constitution of the order. I entertain little doubt that the figure of the two knights on the one horse had been a badge of the New Temple during the 120 years in which it was occupied by the Knights Templars, so far at least as they had necessity to use one. If this were so it would probably, on the constitution of the second society within the walls, in or before the reign of Henry VI., have been retained as a badge by the Inner Temple, which comprised the old hall and other antient buildings of the order. That there was formerly some such carving or fresco in or about the Inn is most probable, and I find no unreasonableness in the tradition which credits the ingenuity or the ignorance of the local workman at some period, between the fourteenth and sixteenth centuries, with the alteration of the Templar's emblem from a horse with two knights to a horse with two wings. Similar changes and mutilations of signs and badges frequently occur, and it is remarkable that in the early English coins instances of such transformation are not uncommon. Thus in the gold staters of Eppillus, son of Commius, King of Kent, about B.C. 20, there is found in some a galloping horse bearing a mounted warrior with lance and shield, and in others a galloping horse with wings. Similar instances occur

[1] Two of these seals are reproduced by Mr. Baylis, "Temple Church," p. 80, and an account of some others will be found in an article by H. Syer Cumming, Esq., in the Journal of the British Archæological Association, Vol. XXXVIII., p. 122.

in the coins of Tasciovanus and of Cunobelinus.[1] These, it is supposed, were originally copied from those of Philip of Macedon about B.C. 200, which bore the biga with its driver and two horses. They gradually became more and more debased, till the biga was only represented by a wheel under the horse, the driver disappeared, though in some instances a hand was seen, and sometimes the rider and shield, sometimes the wings were added to the rude figure of a horse. The Pegasus as a badge has no meaning for a society of lawyers, unless we accept the fanciful suggestion of Mr. Barrington, that it was adopted as an incentive to the students, by inculcating the doctrine that by learning and industry they might rise to the highest eminence and even become poets like those old members of the Inn, Gower and Chaucer. Sir George Buc, Master of the Revels to James I., writing his "Third University of England," etc., dedicated to Sir Edward Coke, L.C.J., on the 24th August, 1612, after discoursing of the two knights on the one horse, and the Holy Lamb as the successive seals and emblems of the Knights Templars, says :[2]

"But now to conclude and close up this chapter with the devices and the Blazon of the Armes and Ensignes of the Modern Templers. It is thought fitte of men of Art and authoritie in these affaires to retaine both these auncient devices and Armes of the old Templers before remembered for the choice and use of these two Colledges of Jurisconsults, placed in this auncient Temple, or House of Templers.

"But if the fellowes and gentlemen of the Inner Temple, have taken for the device or Ensigne of their Colledge a *Pegasus*, or flying Horse Sables or Gules upon a shield or, as I heare that they did in the Raigne of the late Queene of immortal memory, then are they already fayrely armed. And because the Utter Temple neither is nor was, ever any Colledge or Society of Students and therefore not to be considered here, I will leave the choice of either of those old devices and Ensignes to the gentlemen and fellowes of the Middle Temple, they not having as yet to my knowledge chosen or appropriated any Ensigne in their Society or College, to whom and to their house and studies I wish all honour and prosperity, for my particular obligation having been sometimes a fellow and student (or to confess a truth) a trewand in that most honourable Colledge."

[1] See Evans, "Ancient British Coins," London, 1864, and the plates iii., v., x., and Supplement, London, 1890, and plates.

[2] "The Third Universitie of England," etc., appended to Stow's "Annales of England," etc., fol., London, 1631, p. 1072.

When, many years later, the Middle Temple required a badge they adopted the second emblem of the Knights Templars, the Agnus Dei,[1] which they have ever since retained. That these two emblems of the Templars should thus be perpetuated by the two Societies of the House seems natural. That the later emblem should be held by the later of the two societies leads to a presumption that the earlier emblem had been recognized as adhering to the older body. The first device of the house was doubtless the horse with the two knights. The buildings falling into decay and the memory of the early badges being faded, the local workman probably turned the blurred image of a horse with two riders, with which he was unfamiliar, to a horse with two wings which he knew as a common mythological symbol. The indifference and ignorance of many generations of students allowed the legend to grow, until, for the purpose of pageantry a badge was required, when the altered symbol of the Inn was accepted as the original device. This I conceive to be the true explanation of the Pegasus or Flying Horse as the arms of the Inner Temple. An explanation which accords with the traditions of the Inn and with the earliest history of the House in which, for so many generations, the lawyers have had their home.

In addition to masques and other Christmas entertainments, a practice obtained early in the reign of Elizabeth of performing plays in the halls of the Inns of Court. At this time there were no public theatres where dramatic pieces could be produced. The first playhouse in London, called *The Theatre*, was built by Burbage about 1577 in the fields of Finsbury. But it was inconveniently situated in the suburbs, could not be visited without danger of robbery, and was long regarded as a rendezvous for disorderly persons. The *Blackfriars* theatre was not built till 1596-97, and the *Globe* in Southwark, whose name has become familiar to us through the universal interest which is felt in everything pertaining to Shakespeare, was not opened till 1600. Such pieces, therefore, as were produced before the end of the century were played in the private houses of the nobility, in the halls of the Colleges at Oxford and Cambridge, in the Inns of Court, or under the superintendence of the Master of the Revels before the Queen either at Whitehall or

[1] Dugdale, "Origines," fol. 309. Edition 1671.

at some other of the royal palaces. There are no entries, in our now existing records, of the performance of any particular play in our own hall before the reign of James I., though there are entries relating to gratuities to the players and to the minstrels which would indicate the fact. It is possible, however, to supplement to some extent the poverty of our records in this respect by reference to contemporaneous documents which show that our Inn was not behind the others, and that in fact it took the lead in the encouragement of the drama within its walls. I am unable, however, to suggest that any play of Shakespeare was produced here during this reign, nor from entries which appear in succeeding volumes does it appear that his works were at any time popular at the Inner Temple.

On Twelfth Night of 1560 or 1561 the first dramatic performance of one of the earliest dramas of our country took place in the Inner Temple hall. Two distinguished members of our Society, Thomas Norton and Thomas Sackville, wrote the tragedy of "Gorboduc, or Ferrex and Porrex," and played it in association with other gentlemen of the Inn. The fame of this piece reached the Court, and on the 18th January of the year 1561-62 it was performed before the Queen at Whitehall by the same company. The title-page of the first edition of this play was as follows:

"The Tragedie of Gorboduc, whereof three Actes were wrytten by Thomas Nortone and the two laste by Thomas Sackwyle Sett forthe as the same was shewed before the Quenes most excellent Maiestie in her highness Court of Whitehall, the xviii day of January Anno Domini 1561. By the gentlemen of Thynner Temple in London. Imprynted at the Signe of the Faucon by William Griffith and are to be sold at the shop in Saincte Dunstone's Churchyarde in the West of London Anno 1565. Septemb: 22."[1]

Of these two authors Thomas Norton was distinguished both as a writer and as a jurist. As a lawyer he was counsel to the City of London and to some of the London companies, and often advised the government. As a writer he composed some psalms for Sternhold and Hopkins' collection which compare favourably with the rest of the

[1] "Supplement to Dodsley's Old Plays," vol. iii., p. 90.

work. He also translated into English Calvin's "Institutions of the Christian Religion," and wrote some other works on law and theology. He was an enthusiastic puritan and was at one time tutor to the Protector Somerset's children. In 1580 he put himself in communication with Lord Burleigh in order that inquiries might be made as to the orthodoxy of Mr. Wamslow of Lincoln's Inn, then about to be made a serjeant-at-law. In 1581 he assisted at the interrogatories and at the racking of Campion the Jesuist, and he took part as counsel in many of the state trials. He was a member of the House of Commons from 1558 to 1582, having sat for Galton and Berwick till 1570, when he was elected for the City of London, and so continued till his death. He married a daughter of Archbishop Cranmer, and was as well-known in public life as in the courts of law. He died in 1583-84, having in his turn suffered in prison for the vigour and independence of his religious opinions. Thomas Sackville, afterwards Lord Buckhurst and, subsequently, Earl of Dorset and owner of Knole, near Sevenoaks, was also a member of the Inn. At this time he was about twenty-four years of age, and had not yet shown that capacity for business and statesmanship which, at a later period, carried him to the highest position in the favour of the queen. The play of "Gorboduc, or Ferrex and Porrex," is of a serious and melancholy character, hardly adapted, as one would have imagined, to the light-hearted revelry of the Inns of Court. It is published by the Shakespeare Society in their "supplement to Dodsley's Old Plays," and is criticised favourably by Hallam.[1]

In 1568 the play of "Tancred and Gismund" was produced at the Inner Temple, and according to tradition, supported by the preface to the play, which was published during the Queen's life, Her Majesty herself was present at the performance. It was written by gentlemen of the Inn, of whom the principal was Robert Wilmot, who some years afterwards left the profession of the law for the study of divinity, and had considerable preferment in the church. It was a tragedy of a melancholy character throughout, but of better writing and dramatic composition than "Gorboduc," and it is referred to incidentally by Hallam[2] as being of the character and quality of the Spanish plays of "Calderon" and "Lopes de Vega." The

[1] "Literature of Europe," vol. ii., p. 167.

[2] *Ibid.*, vol. ii., p. 167.

plot was taken from "Boccaccio."[1] It was published in 1592 by Robert Wilmot, Rector of Horndon in Essex, to which living he was presented in December, 1585. In his dedication to the Gentlemen Students of the Inner Temple and his other good friends he refers incidentally to his having taken holy orders and to the consequent indecorum of his publishing a stage play, a course which he palliates by the affection he had for Gismunda for twenty-four years past. As the play was published in 1592 this would carry back its production to the year 1568 as already stated. The title-page, which is reproduced in Dodsley's "Old Plays,"[2] is as follows:

"The tragedie of Tancred and Gismund, compiled by the gentlemen of the Inner Temple and by them presented before her Majestie. Newly revived and polished according to the decorum of these daies. By R. W., London. Printed by Thomas Scarlet and are to be solde by R. Robinson, 1592, 4to."

Some indication of the personality of these gentlemen of the Inn to whom the authorship of this play is thus ascribed is to be obtained from the signatures at the end of the several acts. Thus at end of the first act is, *Finis Actus* 1. *Exegit Rod. Staf.* It is not known to whom this refers. *Finis Actus* 2. *Per. Hen: No:* is supposed to be Henry Noel a member of the Inn. *Finis Actus* 3. *G. All.* This gentleman cannot accurately be traced. *Finis Actus* 4. *Composuit Ch: Hat.* has always been held to refer to Christopher Hatton, afterwards Lord Keeper, then a member of this Society, a gentleman traditionally given to literary and terpsichorean efforts, and who was "Master of the Game" in 1561. The last act and the general reconstruction of the play are by Robert Wilmot.

In 1594, at a Parliament held on the vigil of S. Thomas the
p. 401 Apostle, Julius Cesar (subsequently Master of the Rolls) the treasurer was ordered "to deliver unto the Ambassador to be sent from the State of this House to Grays Inn, towards his expences, the sum of 20 marks." This ambassador accompanied by a retinue from our Inn went to Gray's Inn on the 20th December to witness their revels, and to be present at a performance of the "Comedy of Errors," which took place in their Hall. The ambassador, however, according

[1] Fourth Day, Novel I.

[2] Edition 1825, vol. ii., p. 233.

to the records of Gray's Inn, considered himself shabbily treated;[1] with the result that there was much bickering and noise which interfered with the proper performance of the play. The quarrel, however, seems to have rapidly healed, as on the 1st February,[2] the *Ambassador of Templaria*, together with the *Prince of Purpoole*, representing Gray's Inn, with a retinue of eighty lawyers from the two Inns, each wearing a plume on his head, dined with the Lord Mayor at Crosby Place. Whether this "Comedy of Errors" was really Shakespeare's play of that name may be open to some doubt, although the probability is in its favour.

In February, 1601-2, Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night, or What You Will" was played in the recently erected hall of the Middle Temple. As it was the custom for the benchers of the two Inns to be present at each other's performances, our benchers were probably at the Middle Temple on this occasion. The account of this performance is gained from a MS. diary of John Manningham, a member of the Middle Temple, who was present at the representation. The passage describing the play is quoted *in extenso* by Halliwell,[3] who gives it in facsimile.

The progress of building in the Temple, which had begun slowly under Henry VII., was continued with vigour under Elizabeth. Some buildings called Fuller's Rents, on the east of the Temple, were built by Mr. Fuller, who contributed £100 to their cost; buildings in Middle Temple Lane were erected by Mr. Crompton, a member of the Inn, and were called Crompton's Buildings: two sides of the garden were inclosed with a brick wall, and posts were set up bearing the twelve signs of the zodiac. Certain buildings in rough-cast were erected by Sir Julius Cesar, M.R., who contributed £300 towards their cost, on the eastern side of the space between the church and the hall. These were called Cesar's Buildings, and were so known in the seventeenth century.[4] Others were built by Sir Nicholas Hare, by Edward Williams, and by many other fellows of the Society. In 1577 the Alienation Office at the top of King's Bench Walk was built by order of Robert Dudley,

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[1] Douthwaite, p. 229. [2] *Ibid.*, p. 230.

[3] "Diary of John Manningham," Camden Society, 1865, p. 18. "Outlines of the Life of Shakespeare," London, 1890, vol. ii., p. 82.

[4] Dugdale, "Origines," fol. 147.

Earl of Leicester, who was then Master of the Alienation Office, and certain buildings that stood near it were inclosed by palings. These latter, however, were pulled down in 1663 for the enlargement of the walks.[1] A door was also constructed to the passage from Fuller's Rents to Fleet Street through Ram Alley (now Mitre Court),
p. 237 to be locked nightly from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., a practice still continued.

The Inn at this period, it should be borne in mind, had no revenue beyond that received from its members, either upon admission to the Inn, upon admission to a chamber, or from the regular pensions to which all were liable. It had no land outside its own area, no rents from its chambers, no capital fund to draw upon, and was continually increasing its expenses and incurring liabilities. The only mode, therefore, of raising additional revenue was either by special assessments
p. 388 upon the members of the Society, as in May 1593, when a general tax was levied upon all members of the Inn to meet the debts of the Society, each bencher paying 20*s.*, each utter barrister 13*s.* 4*d.*, and every other member 10*s.*; or by fine upon those who for reasons of economy or otherwise refused to take upon them the office of reader, or the equally costly offices attaching to the Christmas and other revels. Members were rated according to their standing in the Society, and the amounts do not appear to have been collected in all
p. 347 cases without difficulty, necessitating sometimes the issuing of writs, and on occasions a process of outlawry. When therefore new chambers were required for the lodging of members of the Inn it seems to have been the practice to allow such building to be undertaken by fellows of the Society, who advanced the whole or a substantial portion of the sum necessary for the purpose. In return the undertakers were given the privilege of calling the buildings after their own name, a personal right of occupation for life of certain of the chambers so erected by them, and a further right during their life to nominate one or more members of the Society for admission to other such chambers without any payment to the Inn. Thus we find notices of Packington's Rents, Fuller's Rents, Harrison's Rents, Bradshaw's Rents, Cesar's Buildings, Crompton's Buildings, Hare Court, and several others, indicating the member of the Inn by whose liberality the chambers were erected.

[1] Dugdale, "Origines," p. 146.

In this reign the Middle Temple took in hand their great work, the erection of their magnificent hall, in substitution for the smaller hall in which up to that time they were accustomed to meet. It was ten years in progress, having been commenced in 1562 and finished in 1572. In 1575 they completed their work by the erection of the Grand Screen in the new hall, and thus contracted a debt which required many years for its final discharge. In the meantime the benchers of our Inn, in 1574, put up what Dugdale describes as "the great carved skreen in the hall,"[1] Thomas Bromley, S.G., afterwards Lord Chancellor, being then treasurer. No particulars of this great screen exist, and no reference to it can to be found in the entries of any existing books on or about that date. It may be assumed, however, unless Dugdale is mistaken in his authority, that as stately buildings were rising around them in the Middle Temple, and in Lincoln's Inn, and as the age was redolent of architects of taste and experience, the great screen was suitable to the antient hall and convenient for the members of the Society. In addition to the buildings occupied as chambers, some solely by members of the Inner Temple, some promiscuously by members of both Societies, certain shops and stalls appear to have been permitted within the precincts. Thus the licence given to the clerk in 1593 recites that he had built a little house against the Temple Church, and also certain shops without describing them, and permits him to enjoy the profits of the said house and shops. In 1589 it was ordered that the treasurer should "appoint some convenient place within the Temple Lane for Henry Branche to set up a stall to work in, being a bag or purse seller, paying 4*d.* per annum." For some years Roger Moore, a glover, had occupied a "shop under the Gate," to which he was admitted in 1582-83, at the annual rent of a pair of gloves to the treasurer. Moore, having died, and his widow Elizabeth having married one William Knight, a glover, who carried on the business, it was ordered in July, 1593, that she and her husband should hold the shop during pleasure, "paying yearly to the treasurer at the Feast of All Saints a pair of gloves, and keeping the place about the shop clean and sweet." At a later date (January 1602-3), it was found that many persons having shops in the city had also, without licence from the Bench, set up shops and stalls in the cloisters and other parts of the

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[1] "Origines," fol. 146.

Inn, to the annoyance of the fellows of the Society and to the prejudice of the shop-keepers and stall-keepers licenced by the Inn. It was
p. 449 accordingly ordered that Knight, the glover, be appointed janitor, and have the keys of the gate into Fleet Street, with orders to lock such gate every night at 10 p.m. in summer, and at 9 p.m. in winter, and to open it at 4 a.m. in summer, and at 5 a.m. in winter. He was also empowered with the help of the other licenced shop-keepers of the Inn to turn out all disorderly characters. At the same time persons occupying shops and stalls without licence were ordered to leave the Temple.

The practice of allotting chambers for the use of Masters of the Bench was settled during this reign. The first intimation of the
p. 118 practice is to be found in an entry of 1537, but no definite action
p. 338 appears to have been taken in the matter until February, 1586, when an order was made for a "view for appointing chambers for benchers, to which chambers none but benchers should be admitted." In June
p. 339 of the same year it was ordered that twenty chambers be so set
p. 348 apart. In November, 1587, a list of twenty-six chambers was submitted to and approved by Parliament, to which, hereafter, none but benchers, except by special order, were to be admitted. To these chambers sixteen benchers had then been admitted, the remaining ten chambers being occupied by gentlemen who are not described as benchers, but who may have been admitted by special order, or in consideration of money which they had expended in building or repairing chambers in the Inn. This order was confirmed in February, 1596, during the treasurership of Sir Edward Coke, by a minute
p. 412 signed by himself. The minute, however, bears chiefly upon the position of Sir Julius Cesar, who had spent large sums on pulling down and rebuilding some decayed chambers at the end of the hall, of which it gives a detailed description. The references to chimneys in each room, to a room for clients to attend in, to the addition of a "study" to each set of chambers, and to a room for the storage of wood and other necessaries, show that these chambers were regarded as a great improvement upon those already existing. It is not clear from any entries in this volume whether rent was under any circumstances paid by members for the use of their chambers. I am disposed to think that no such rent was ever reserved, and that the only payment in regard to a chamber which was exacted by the Inn was a

fee on admission. The annual revenue of the Inn was collected by means of ordinary pensions, which were assessed at 2*s.* during the whole of this period, and by extraordinary assessments, levied according to the requirements of the day. A fee on admission to a chamber is still (1896) required from every member of the Inn. pp. 4, 415

There remain to us from this period two handsomely carved doors. They are in black oak and in good preservation, though thickly coated with paint and varnish. One of these is at the southern, and the other at the northern entrance to the hall. They seem to be both of the same date and pattern, and were probably the handiwork of the same artificer. The door at the southern entrance bears date 1575. The other is not dated, and in the upper portion is not quite finished by the carver.

The regulations for admission to the Inn promulgated under Philip and Mary in 1557, were extended in 1562 by a provision that no one should henceforth be admitted to the Inn except upon payment of 40*s.*, unless he were the son of a member of the bench or of the utter bar, or were and had been for one whole year of the company of one of the Inns of Chancery belonging to this house. This was further extended in 1600 by the provision that none should be admitted of the Society except he were of good parentage and of no evil behaviour. p. 190 p. 223 p. 439

In 1563 it was ordered that none should be called or received as an utter barrister before he had been first called, examined, and approved by the bench as a fit and proper person to be called to the bar. In February, 1566-67 it was agreed that from henceforth no one should be called to the utter bar except only by Parliament in the term time, and not otherwise. On 3rd November, 1567, the second day of Michaelmas term, Mr. Hugh Hollyngeshed was accordingly called to the utter bar by the Parliament of the Inn. The practice thus established has been strictly observed from that time to the present, when the calling of students to the bar is strictly limited to term time and to Parliament nights. A similar rule was applied at a later date (31st May, 1590) to calls to the bench, which could only thenceforth take place during term and by a Parliament, Sir Edward Coke being the first utter barrister called to the bench under this regulation. The requisite standing for an inner barrister to be called to the utter bar appears from certain orders in 1587 to have then p. 226 p. 241 p. 243 p. 365 p. 366 p. 346

been eight years. No definite rule, however, appears to have existed as to the standing requisite for a call from the utter bar to the bench.

The fear which haunted all early governments that the increasing resort of country people to London would over-fill the great town and leave the country without a sufficient number of capable inhabitants, was fully impressed upon the statesmen of Queen Elizabeth. It occasioned an inquiry to be made into the condition of the Inns of Court, the number of residents therein, the number of chambers they each owned, and the number of those who occupied them. The result is interesting as showing how evenly the lawyers were then distributed between the four Inns. The return to this inquiry is dated in 1574, and from its consideration the following facts appear to have been ascertained.[1] The Inner Temple had 100 chambers. The fellows of the Inn of all sorts were 189, composed thus: benchers 15, utter barristers 23, other gentlemen 151. Of these 163 had chambers, 26 had none. The Middle Temple had 92 chambers. Their fellows were 190, comprising benchers 11, utter barristers 40, other gentlemen 139. Of these 130 had chambers, 60 had none. Lincoln's Inn had 92 chambers. Their fellows were 160, of whom the benchers were 13, the utter barristers 32, and the others 115. Of these 130 had chambers, 30 had none. Gray's Inn had 124 chambers. Their fellows were 220, of whom the benchers were 12, the utter barristers 30, others 178. Of these 204 had chambers, 16 had none. It appears from this calculation that the number of fellows of the several Inns of Court had not increased since the time of Edward IV. Fortescue puts the number of those at the least frequented Inn in his time at 200, whereas in 1574 the least frequented (Fortescue's own college) Lincoln's Inn had 160, and the average of the four Inns was 190 each. The whole number of gentlemen practising at the Bar was thus 177, of whom 52 were benchers and 125 utter barristers.

Following upon this return, about Easter 1574, orders for the government of the Inns of Court were promulgated by the Queen
p. 276 with the advice of her Privy Council and the justices of the two benches at Westminster. The only practical addition to those already in existence, was a clause prohibiting further admissions to

[1] "State Papers, Eliz.—Dom.," vol. xcv., No. 91. See App. III.

the Inns of Court after the full number of two to a chamber had been completed; and declaring that no more chambers should be built so as to increase the number, except in the Middle Temple, where they might convert their old hall into chambers not exceeding ten. This was not, however, as I understand it, a restriction peculiar to the Inns of Court, but was, as I have already observed, part of a well recognized system of government, which was enforced by various Acts and Ordinances, both under the Tudors and the Stuarts.

In 1579 a return endorsed "The names of certain lawyers with their qualities, etc., 1579," was made to the Privy Council "of the chyfe reeders double and single and of the chyfe Baresters for their practise in the 4 Innes of Courtes." They are distinguished as "pro" and "pa," which I assume to mean protestant and papist. In the other Inns of Court many names are given with descriptions as "very lerned," "of great lyvine," "welthy," "of great practise," and the like, but in the Inner Temple list except that Mr. Anderson is described as a papist ("pa") very learned, and Mr. Flowerdewe and Mr. French as "lerned," there is no description added to any of the 19 names there given. For Gray's Inn 30 names are given, for the Middle Temple 15 names, and for Lincoln's Inn 13 names.[1]

By the middle of Elizabeth's reign, however, notwithstanding the prohibition of overcrowding, the Society of the Inn had become very similar to that of the great Universities, where learning was not necessarily the sole object of membership, but to which young men also resorted for the pleasure of social meetings and for the acquisition of various accomplishments. Thus it was in our Inn where the cost and the luxury of living had greatly increased, while the patient study of the law had correspondingly diminished. Various orders were from time to time promulgated by the Privy Council, and frequent attempts were made by the benchers to deal with this evil. In 1581 the number of the barristers of the Inn had so greatly increased that they could with difficulty be accommodated, and the benchers thereupon took a step which, though not very effective to diminish the number of students, shewed a considerable spirit of independence. It had been the practice for many years for persons in high station to solicit the bench either by letter or by message, to call to the bar

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[1] "State Papers, Elizabeth—Dom.," vol. cxi., No. 27. See App. IV.

certain of their nominees who were members of the Inn. The benchers, to their credit, were not always ready to comply with these
p. 329 solicitations, and as will be seen, in February, 1583-4, they declined a request of the Lord Treasurer, and in July, 1587 they postponed
p. 346 the consideration of similar requests from the new Lord Chancellor and Sir Walter Mildmay. Now, however, in view of the attempts
p. 268 by the Council to limit their numbers, they renewed in substance an order made on the 25th of January, 1572-3, and declared that "all letters hereafter to be directed to the treasurer and Masters of the Bench or otherwise for the calling of any one of this Society to the bar, and all messages or requests by any manner of ways or means to be made for that or the like intent or purpose by or from any person or persons of what estate degree or calling soever he be of, shall be respected as a matter against the antient order of this House and the same person, for whom any such letter shall happen to be sent or request made, shall from henceforth be utterly disabled to receive any degree within this House." This order stopped for a time the pressure of great personages upon the bench, but the benchers soon recommenced their calls to the bar very much as heretofore. In
p. 329 February, 1584, seventeen gentlemen were called to the bar at
p. 339 one Parliament. In 1586 there were found to be so many utter barristers, and the exercise of learning had become so much neglected that the service of all newly called barristers was enforced for six grand vacations and twelve mean vacations under a penalty of 20*s*.
p. 343 Calls to the bar which were still promoted by the Chancellor, the Earl of Leicester, and other great personages connected with the Inn continued to be numerous, and in 1587 stringent orders were
p. 344 made requiring newly called barristers to attend moots and argue the reader's cases in the hall and in the Inns of Chancery, under pain of "being accounted no utter barrister," and losing their places at the bar. And these penalties appear to have been duly enforced for, in 1589, three barristers were disbarred for not keeping their exercise of learning as appointed by the orders, and in 1590 certain
p. 367 others were fined 9*s*. each for non-attendance at the reading during the previous Lent vacation. Rules were also made to regulate the practice of pleaders in the various Courts. By these no one was
p. 277 admitted to plead in any of the Courts at Westminster, or to sign any pleading unless he were a reader or a bencher in Court, or an

utter barrister of five years' standing, or a reader in Chancery of two years' standing. Nor could any one plead before the Justices of Assize unless he were qualified to plead in the Courts at Westminster, or were allowed by the Justices of Assize to plead before them. These rules, which were passed by the Queen, with the advice of the Privy Council and the Justices of the Bench and the Common Pleas at Westminster in Easter term, 1574, were republished with admonitions in 1580. In June of the same year the bench extended these orders to the Star Chamber, and declared that no one should set his hand to a bill or plea in the Star Chamber, or plead on the hearing of any causes there, but such as were readers in this house; nor should any practitioners move any cause there but such as were benchers, under penalty of being put out of commons, being disqualified to be ever called to the bench, and being subjected to a fine. p. 304 p. 306

The stringency of these rules, however, had little effect upon the increase of the bar. In July, 1590, seventeen gentlemen were called at one Parliament. In February, 1592, fifteen were so called. In May, 1595, twenty were so called, and smaller numbers were called in other terms. No order of Parliament, so far as I am aware, prohibited a member of one Inn being also a member of another, but as between the Inner and the Middle Temples the custom seems to have been opposed to it. For I find, in July, 1595, an enquiry was ordered whether John Madockes was admitted a member of the Middle Temple before his admission to the Inner, and if it were so found, he was to be "expulsed." p. 368 p. 387 p. 404 p. 407

On the 23rd May, 1596, during the Mastership of Sir Edward Coke, *it was agreed by all the Judges by the assent of the Benchers of the Four Inns of Court and ordered by this Parliament*, that no one was to be admitted into an Inn of Court unless he had a chamber within the Inn, and in the meantime he was to be of an Inn of Chancery: p. 413

That no one was to be called to the bar except he was of seven years' standing and had kept his exercises of learning, etc.:

That only eight utter barristers should be called in any one year, viz.: four by the benchers and four by the readers:

That readers were to be chosen for their learning and were to read:

That excess of diet for readers was to be discontinued, and

among other details, that not more than eight serving men were to be permitted to each reader:

And in regard to the calling of benchers, that such were to be selected "as are fittest for their learning, practice and good and
p. 414 honest conversation." Also "that they call not to the bench too often but very sparingly in respect of the great multitude that be already."

The first of these rules gives a remarkable exemplification of the collegiate system still dominating the Temple. It resembled that of the colleges of Oxford and Cambridge, by which every member must have a room in his college, so as to be under the direct supervision of the Fellows, and if he cannot obtain admission to the college, he must be remitted to one of the Halls attached thereto.

p. 423 On the 28th May, 1598, it was ordered that, whenever a student was personally absent for two whole years in time of vacation, such absence should be deducted from the seven years he had to keep.

p. 423 From an order of the 18th June, 1598, as to certificates from the Inns of Chancery, it appears that the fees on a general admission were £5; but if the student came from an Inn of Chancery with proper certificates that he had been two years in the said Inn, and had duly kept his exercises of learning, the fees for admission were reduced to 20*s*.

p. 431 On the 10th February, 1600, it was ordered that no fellow be called to the bar "except he keep six vacations, and during such vacations use the exercise of learning in this House and in the Houses of Chancery, and sitt at four several grand motes in every vacation within the space of the said three years," comprising the six vacations, and except he receive the communion in the Temple Church twice every year of the said three years: the butlers to take the names and certify to the bench those present at the grand motes.

p. 433 On the 25th May, 1600, "the negligence of the utter barristers being greater than ever heretofore known within the memory of man, whereof the learning of the House is likely to decay if some provision be not made" it was provided that every barrister under three years' standing should be present at the breaking of the cases to be mooted at the following term, on pain of being put out of commons: and that every barrister under five years' standing should also be present under pain of such fine as the bench should think fit.

p. 439 On the 8th February, 1601, an order regulating the apparel of

members of the Inn and requiring their due attendance at the Temple Church concludes thus: "and that special regard be had hereafter to and for the callinge of sufficient studentes to the utter bar in this house and lykewise for the callinge of learned and sufficient persons to the benche here and suche also to bothe the said places as shalbe holden and thoughte to be of good and sounde religion and lykely to serve the Commonwealthe."

This great and sudden increase in the number of practising barristers struck Lord Chancellor Hatton as early as 1588, when he said, "there are now more at the bar in one house than there were in all the Inns of Courts when I was young man."[1] Mr. Foss, in his "Lives of the Judges," gives the number of counsel practising in the reign of Queen Elizabeth as 352; a very remarkable advance upon the 117 found to be practising in 1574. The number was, however, reduced to 259 in the succeeding reign of King James.[2] It may well be doubted whether the great number of our fellows or the stringency of our regulations did more than promote good fellowship and a certain fair level of general learning among the great body of the Inn. Paul Hentzner, a German gentleman, tutor to a nobleman making the tour of Europe in 1598, published on his return home his experience in England. His reference to the Inns of Court is as follows:[3]

"There are 15 colleges within and without the city, nobly built with beautiful gardens adjoining. Of these the three principal are:

"I. The Temple [Templum vulgo Tempel] inhabited formerly by the Knights Templars. It seems to have taken its name from the old Temple or Church which has a round tower added to it, under which lie buried those Kings of Denmark that reigned in England.

"II. Gray's Inn [Grezin], and

"III. Lincolns Inn [Lynconsin].

"In these colleges, numbers of the young nobility, gentry and others are educated and chiefly in the Study of Physic, for very few apply themselves to that of the law: [philosophiæ, theologiæ et medicinæ potissimum operam dantes]. They are allowed a very good table, and silver cups to drink out off. Once a person of distinction who could not help being surprised at the

[1] Foss, "Judges," vol. v., p. 423. [2] *Ibid.*, vol. vi., p. 35.

[3] "A Journey into England by Paul Hentzner in the year MDXCVIII. In latin, translated and dedicated to the Society of Antiquaries by Horace Walpole, F.S.A. Printed at Strawberry Hill, 1757."

great number of silver cups said 'He should have thought it more suitable to the life of students if they had used rather glass or earthenware than silver.' The College answered, 'They were ready to make him a present of all their plate provided he would undertake to supply them with all the glass and earthenware they should have a demand for; since it was very likely he would find the expence, from constant breaking, exceed the value of the silver.'"

Hentzner's work, although generally regarded as an accurate and valuable account of the manners and customs of the countries of Europe in the sixteenth century, especially in reference to the personality of Elizabeth and of her surroundings, gives probably not an absolutely accurate view of the Inns of Court; or it may be that having dined at one of the benches he was struck with the profusion of gold and silver plate in use on their grand days. His conversation, however, with one of the benchers shows that gentleman's views to have been prophetic, for it will be seen in subsequent volumes, upon examination of the butler's accounts, that the replacing of the green pots broken by the students and the paniermen amounted in the course of the year to so large a sum, that if Mr. Hentzner had accepted his friend's offer he would probably have been a loser on the event. There was, however, I think, a considerable amount of silver and gilt plate in use at our hall even at this early date. I have noted many references to the plate of the Inn during previous reigns. There is also a reference in
p. 331 1584 to certain "great silver bowls with covers" of which three are to be sold towards paying the goldsmith for four similar bowls ordered
p. 400 for the bench by Mr. Palgrave. In an inventory of articles handed over by Wm. Hughes to his successor in office in February, 1594-5, are "eight silver bowls, and four silver salts with a cover for a trencher salt and two dozen of silver spoons." These, with the standing cups, the covered bowls, Serjeant Rudhall's "silvour spone," and other items before mentioned would form the basis of a handsome sideboard
p. 227 of plate. Under the date 16th May, 1563, appears the following entry:

"Order that Mr. Warner's money *and* 20*li. for the cup* be recouped out of the debt owed to the Society by Mr. Fuller, the late treasurer, and that Mr. Warner's money be delivered to the puisne of the bench and the ancient of the bar to keep to the use of the said
p. 203 Mr. Warner." Mr. Warner, according to previous entries, had

become *non compos mentis* and "his money" was accordingly intrusted to certain of his friends for safe custody. No further explanation as to the cup is to be found in the books, but among the plate now belonging to the Inn is a silver gilt standing cup, shaped like a melon, with a cover, supported on tendrils of the melon plant for feet, exceedingly graceful. The hall mark is now nearly obliterated by constant cleaning, but Mr. Cripps,[1] who examined it some years ago, pronounced it to be of the date of 1563. The maker's name mark is H. W. Cups bearing the mark H. W. at Old and New Alresford, Hants, and at All Souls, Oxford, are dated as being stamped in 1563, 1564, and 1565. It is possible, therefore, that the melon cup, which has been in daily use for many generations, is the cup referred to in this entry. The only difficulty that I see in the identification is that the cup does not appear to me to be of the value of £20 of the money of that day. An entry of 2nd May, 1563, elsewhere referred to, appoints a conference with the Middle Temple "touching the providing of some convenient cup to minister the communion withal in the church," and it may therefore have been as a contribution towards the cost of this cup that the £20 were proposed to be applied. £40, however, would seem far too much for a communion cup, unless of very extraordinary workmanship. And it appears from an examination of the Temple Church plate, that there are two silver gilt communion cups with engraved covers of the date of 1609.[2] They are of elegant workmanship and in common use. To one or other of these cups, however, the entry may refer, unless indeed Mr. Cripps is somewhat in error and the cup is of an earlier date by some ten years, in which event it may be the silver gilt cup ordered by Edward VI. to be delivered by the Master of the Rolls to Sir J. Baker for the use of the Inner Temple. The melon shape, however, was not uncommon in the Elizabethan era, the Armourer's Company being the owners of a similar cup, dated 1585.[3] In November, 1597, Edward Coke, then Attorney General and treasurer, read to the Bench an extract from the will of the late Nicholas Hare, formerly bencher and treasurer of the Inn, to the following effect: "Item. I will that there be three salt cellars silver and gilt with a trencher salt cellar made lyke to my best

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[1] Cripps, "Old English Plate," p. 361. London, 1894. A sketch of this cup is given as a frontispiece.

[2] *Ibid.*, p. 368.

[3] *Ibid.*, p. 364.

salt cellars which salt cellars so newly to be made I will shall be delivered to the treasurer of the Inner Temple for the time being to be used at the Benche Table in that House as a remembrance of my good will to that worshipfull company." The legacy was then received and became part of the treasure of the Inn. Salt cellars formed, at that period, an important part of the furniture of a household. Among the many articles of plate of the Elizabethan era, now surviving, are numerous examples of salt cellars, salts, trencher salts, small silver bowls or square cups for salt placed beside the trencher of each guest, and the great salt with a cover which in still older time marked the dividing line between the upper and lower members of the establishment. The absence of forks will be noticed in these various entries. Although they were occasionally used during this reign for eating green ginger, which was a favourite sweetmeat, and possibly for other purposes, they did not come into general use for the table until the following reign. Silver finger bowls and silver ewers and rose water basons were necessarily part of every well kept cupboard of plate, and account for the number of these vessels to be found referred to in the records of the Inn.

p. 204 In February 1559-60, it was ordered, "that from henceforth there shall not any ashen cups be provided, but the House to be served in green cups, both of winter and summer." The use of green pots (as they were called) in substitution for the wooden mugs, was common to all the Inns of Court, and was probably adopted about the same time. Some years since, when the new buildings were being erected in King's Bench Walk, a great number of broken green pots were found during the excavations.[1] There are no green jugs or pots now either in the Inner or the Middle Temple, but some are still preserved in Lincoln's Inn, and in Gray's Inn, and through the courtesy of those Societies I have been enabled to obtain a drawing of the small green jugs used for wine. They are of common brown earthenware covered with a bright green glaze.[2] Of the green pots, or mugs themselves, I have not yet been able to find a sample. There is among the MSS. at Loseley Hall[3] a letter from Sir Julius Cesar, Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, Master of the Requests, and a bencher of our Inn dated 19th August, 1591, addressed to Sir

[1] See "Notes and Queries," ser. i., vol. viii., p. 171, 256, 574.

[2] See p. 454. [3] "The Loseley MSS.," p. 310. London, J. Murray, 1836.

William More, then Keeper of Farnham Court, in Surrey, which bears on this subject, and which, as it may appropriately form part of our records, I venture to transcribe:

"After my hartie commendacions, etc., Whereas in tymes past the bearer hereof hath had out of the Parke of Farnham, belonging to the Bishopricke of Winchester, certaine white clay for the making of grene potts usually drunk in by the gentlemen of the Temple, and now understandinge of some restraint thereof, and that you (amongst others) are authorised there in divers respects during the vacancye of the said Bishopricke; my request, therefore, unto you is, and the rather for that I am a member of the said house, that you would in favo^{r} of us all p'mytt the bearer hereof to digge and carrie away so much of the said claye as by him shalbe thought sufficient for the furnishinge of the said house wth grene potts aforesaid, paying as he hath heretofore for the same. In accomplishment whereof myself with the whole societie shall acknowledge o^{r}selves much beholden unto you, and shalbe readie to requite you at all times hereafter wth the like pleasure. And so I bid you moste heartilie farewel.

"Inner Temple, this xixth of August 1591.

"To the right worshipful Sir W'm More Knight geve these."

The editor of the MSS. adds in a note to this letter that many of the bottles and drinking glasses used at this period were of German manufacture, and that wine glasses were of the kind now called hock glasses, presumably green. It was probably this industry of his country that Paul Hentzner had in his mind when writing the observation that he attributes to "a person of distinction."

Among the miscellaneous entries of this reign are orders against the wearing of cloaks, hats, etc., in the church, buttery, or hall under a penalty of 6*s.* 8*d.*; prohibitions against going into the City with hats, boots, and spurs unless the wearers are riding out of the town: against playing dice or cards in the hall or elsewhere in the house under pain of fine and expulsion: against "shooters with guns" within the Inn: against disclosing the secrets of the parliament: for expelling one William Parry for striking Hugh Hare with a dagger within the house: against coming into the hall with any weapon except the dagger and the knife under penalty of £5: re-admitting Mr. Tresham, afterwards compromised in the gunpowder plot, who having been expelled for three years and also sent to prison for a stroke given in the hall, had duly made his submission:

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p. 209 the corporal oath required by the bench from Master Thurston, who had excused himself from reading by reason of his secret infirmities and sickness, "which is likely enough to be true, although it
p. 234 does not appear outwardly to our sight to be so": an order, in 1564, that all lackeys and laundresses be avoided from the house within a
p. 285 week: orders in 1576 for the exclusion of strangers under penalty of
p. 329 40*s.* through fear of the plague: that no married man should be a butler of the Society, and if he married after appointment to lose his
p. 341 post: regulating the allowance of beef and beer to the gardener, and ordering "all broken bread and drink with the chippings," to be given to the poor. There is also recorded in 1591 an unsuccessful
p. 377 attempt made by certain barristers to exclude one Burges, an attorney and fellow of the house, from a set of chambers to which he had been admitted after they had long remained empty and had fallen into
p. 430 decay: and an order of 27th January, 1599-1600, that the gentlemen who keep private commons within the house at Christmas shall not break open the door of chambers where no fellow is lying, nor shall they take from any person in his chamber at Christmas more than 2*s.* 6*d.*

A great name in English history appears in our records under circumstances that, so far as I am aware, have not yet been made
p. 318 public. On the 28th January, 1581-2, Sir Francis Drake, knight, was specially admitted a fellow of the Society "upon a fine at the discretion of the treasurer." He had recently returned from his voyage round the world, and his celebrated ship, the Golden Hind was lying in the Thames, the object of universal admiration. He was not altogether unconnected with the Inn, for the Kellaways (or Keylways), whose names appear as fellows and benchers of the Inn for several previous generations, were his relations. He was descended from John Drake of Otterton, in the County of Devon, and Agnes Kellaway, his wife, who were his grandfather and grandmother. On the 26th September, 1580, Drake arrived in England. In April, 1581, the Queen knighted him on board the *Golden Hind* at Deptford, and his great patron, Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, was the Palaphilos and great patron of the Inn. Whether Drake ever took up his admission the records do not show. A similar honour is said to have been paid him by the Middle Inn.

A communication to our bench from Gray's Inn, under date

10th February, 1585-6, brings under notice the name of Francis Bacon. It is a copy of the minute of proceedings at a pension of that society signifying to the bench that "it was allowed that Mr. Francis Bacon might have place with the readers at the readers' table, but not to have any voice in pension nor win ancienty of any that is his ancient or shall read before him." Bacon was admitted to Gray's Inn in 1576, and was called to the bar in 1582. He had accordingly been only three years an utter barrister when he was thus specially raised to the high table, and as a bencher of his Inn took precedence in the courts of law. The original of this entry is not among the existing records of Gray's Inn, but a copy is to be found in the Lansdowne MSS. together with a letter from Bacon addressed to Lord Burghley relating to this, his first rise in life.[1] Bacon, as is well known, was never admitted to the degree of serjeant-at-law, but he held, and was the first to hold, the position of Counsel to the Queen. When he attained this rank cannot be ascertained. His position, as such, is somewhat indefinitely described in the royal warrant from King James, of April, 1603, where he is to "continue to be of the learned counsel in such manner as before he was to the Queen."[2] And his status is not more accurately described in his letter to Cecil in July of the same year.[3] This entry, which contains the only mention of Bacon in our records during this reign, can hardly correspond with the occasion of his being appointed Queen's Counsel. His early advancement was probably a compliment to his great attainments and a recognition of the services of his late father, Sir Nicholas Bacon, formerly Lord Keeper and the great patron of Gray's Inn.

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In November, 1592, the Parliament was held at Hertford by reason of the plague, the benchers attending being Dr. Julius Cesar, Master of the Requests, Edward Cooke, Solicitor of the Queen, Thomas Coventry, and others. On 1st July, 1593, an order was made breaking up the commons on and after the 14th July, inasmuch "as the infection of the plague is greatly increased and dispersed within the city of London, and the suburbs of the same at the present time, and is very likely to become more dangerous hereafter." In the absence of the fellows of the Inn, John Bothway the panierman,

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[1] "Douthwaite," p. 208.

[2] "Spedding," vol. x., p. 78.

[3] *Ibid.*, p. 80.

Thomas Middleton, the clerk of the church, and three others were appointed to keep watch and ward at 3*s.* 4*d.* each weekly except Middleton, who was only to have 2*s.* 6*d.* In Michaelmas Term, 1593, the plague was still raging in London. The Star Chamber,[1] and the Courts of Law had removed to St. Albans from their habitations in New Palace Yard, and there also the Parliament of the Inn was
p. 391 held on the 11th November before Julius Cesar, Master of the Requests, Edward Cooke, Solicitor to the Queen, Thomas Coventry,
p. 392 Laurence Tanfield, and other benchers. At this parliament "Mr. Doctor Cesar" was appointed treasurer for the ensuing year and Mr. Thomas Coventry, afterwards Lord Keeper, was named as the Lent Reader with Mr. Tanfielde (afterwards Lord Chief Baron, who gave the name to Tanfield Court, where he had his chambers,) as one of his
p. 392 attendants. In January, 1594, the parliament was again held in the Temple, although the Star Chamber and the Law Courts still continued to sit at St. Albans.

p. 419 On the 16th October, 1597, Mr. Salmon, of the Clerk's Commons, who had erected a building in the Inn, is admitted *an associate to the bar and to sit below the puisne barrister.*

p. 435 In November, 1600, Francis Beaumont the poet and dramatic author (colleague of Fletcher), third son of Mr. Justice Beaumont, formerly a bencher of this House, was specially admitted gratis on the application of his father.

Certain barristers of the Inn having offended against the sumptuary orders by the indecent wearing of their hair were duly
p. 432 punished. Thus on 13th April, 1600, John Farwell, jr., having been put out of commons for his "long heare" was re-admitted on payment
p. 438 of 40*s.* On the 8th February of the following year Thomas Aldyngton was re-admitted, after being put out for his "long heare." In 1602 George Hunter, who was put out "for the long heare on his head,"
p. 452 having then reformed it "to the good liking of the bench" was re-admitted and pardoned his fine of 40*s.*

p. 443 In October, 1601, Robert Pye was disbarred and expelled for his treacherous practice towards Christopher Merrick an utter barrister of
p. 425 the Inn, who had been called in November, 1598. The case was afterwards tried in the Star Chamber before nine councillors, including

[1] "Cases heard before the Star Chamber," p. 2.

the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of London, and it throws some light on the manners and customs of the Inn at that period. It appears that in February, 1601, Merricke had lent Pye £3 for a week, which by the month of July he had been unable to recover and threatened to arrest Pye for the amount. Thereupon the latter tendered 56*s*. alleging that Merricke owed him 4*s*. for a bet which he had made with Pye that an infant does not attain his majority when he enters his twenty-first year, but only when he has completed his twenty-one years fully, days and hours. This tender Merricke declined to accept, and Pye thereupon refusing to pay anything, the former beat him and took from him the 56*s*. together with his inkhorn. Pye then indicted Merricke at Newgate, and gave evidence before the Grand Jury that he was robbed by Merricke on the King's highway and that the latter fled, and thereupon a true bill was found. The matter coming before the Recorder of London, Mr. John Crooke, a bencher of the Inner Temple, who knew the parties, he sent for Pye, expostulated with and warned him, but the latter persisted and the case went on. Pye also went to the Court at Greenwich, gave information that one of good estate had committed felony and thus incurred a forfeiture, and asked for a favourable consideration of his claim for the felon's goods. Merricke, having been acquitted by the jury at Newgate, Pye was sent for by the Attorney-General (Sir Edward Coke) when he at first confessed and then denied the story. In the Star Chamber he was found guilty of perjury and of intended murder and robbery, and was sentenced by the Lord Keeper Egerton to pay a fine of 1,000 marks, to be pilloried at Westminster and there to lose an ear, to ride with his face to the horse's tail with a paper stating his offences, from Westminster Hall to the Temple Gate, where he was to be again pilloried, and to lose the other ear, and to perpetual imprisonment. And inasmuch as both were members of the bar, the Court "exhorted them that have authority to admit to the bar to have care to name those that were literate honest and religious, and of the admittance of such to the House, for if they had had, they would never have admitted Pie to the House, but he would have pursued his father's trade, who was a butcher: and not have calls by the dozens or scores, as now is the use: For the good and literate professors of the law are as good members of the Commonwealth as any others, but the ignorant and bad professors of the law are as daungerouse vermin to the Common-

wealth as Caterpillars."[1] This sentence was carried out at the Temple Gate, and is described in a letter from Chamberlain to Carlton, under date 17th May, 1602.[2] The after career of Pye was, however, not consistent with the character given of him in the Star Chamber. According to his description in the "List of Members admitted to the Inner Temple,"[3] and the appendix to "Les Reports del Cases, etc.,"[4] Pye was the second son of Sir William Pye of Mynde Park, Hereford, and the story of his being the son of a butcher is without foundation. He was auditor of the Exchequer under Kings James I. and Charles I., was knighted in 1622, and defended his residence, Faringdon House, Berks, on behalf of the King against the Parliament in 1645-46. He was M.P. for Bath, 1620-24; for Ludgershall, 1625; for Westminster, 1625-26; for Grampound, 1627-28; for Woodstock, 1640; and for Berkshire, 1654 and 1658-59. He died in 1662. Of Christopher Merricke nothing is known except that he was "from Southwark."

p. 447 On the 25th April, 1602, a benevolence of 5*s.* per week was made to Mr. William Cooke, an antient utter barrister of the house, to be paid by the Steward till further order. This is the first entry I have noted of a benevolence of this kind to a member of the Inn, but in succeeding reigns such grants are not uncommon.

p. 452 In November, 1602, the gardener is ordered to lop certain trees so as to improve the views of my Lords the Judges from their garden in Serjeants Inn; so that down to that date the judges and serjeants used their inn in Fleet Street as their usual and customary habitation.

An entry of the 3rd November, 1602, recalls the fate of another fellow and a near neighbour of this House, Robert Devereux, Earl p. 354 of Essex, who was specially admitted on the 13th October, 1588. When this misguided courtier ventured a rising in the city in

[1] "Les Reports del Cases in Camera Stellata," p. 129. London. Privately printed, 1894. Edited by W. P. Baildon, F.S.A. See Appendix, where the whole case is transcribed.

[2] "State Papers, Dom., Eliz.," vol. cclxxxiv., No. 14. "This last week one Pie an utter barrister of the Inner Temple stood on the pillory before the Temple gate and lost both his ears for contriving and plotting the death of one of his fellow lawyers by the way of justice."—*Chamberlain's Letters*, Camden Society, 1861, p. 135.

[3] Published by this Society, 1877. [4] P. 410.

February, 1600-1, and it was not known at Court how far such attempt might be successful, the house was *upon a sudden occasion* ordered to furnish a certain quantity of armour for Her Majesty's service, for the use, as I presume, of the gentlemen of the Inn. This was forthwith bought of an armourer for £104, of which £54 was paid down, and bonds were given for the rest under the seal of the Masters of the Bench then in town. Essex's attempt having failed, and the unhappy favourite having been sent to the block, the armour was no longer needed. No convenient place for its storage could be found, and no bencher was willing to give it house room, or to incur the cost of keeping it in order. So as the bonds were due and there was p. 450 little or no money in the Society's coffers, the armourer agreed with the benchers to take back the armour and release them from their liability on the bonds. This £104 must have represented a considerable quantity of armour, for it appears from Rogers that a suit of armour in the middle of the seventeenth century cost 20*s*.,[1] including, as I assume, a breast-plate, a back piece, and a helmet. There would, therefore, have been the ordinary armour for at least 100 men.

The first mention of Coke in the records of the Parliament occurs on the 25th January, 1589-90, when "Mr. Edward Cooke" p. 362 was appointed steward for Mr. Davies the reader's dinner in Lent, together with Mr. Thomas Gawen. Coke had been admitted in 1572, being described as of Mileham, Norfolk, and had been called to the utter bar in 1578. On the 31st May, 1590, being twelve years after his call to the bar, "it was agreed by most part of the p. 366 benchers assembled together before this parliament that Edward Cooke Esquire should be one of the fellowship of the bench and forthwith take his place there, and this to be entered as act of this parliament which agreement is at this present parliament ratified and confirmed accordingly." Although Sir Edward Coke belongs rather to the reigns of James I. and of Charles I., than to that of Elizabeth, yet it was during the Queen's reign that he was most closely associated with the Inner Temple to which he appears to have been much attached. In November, 1595, he was elected p. 408 treasurer, being at that time Her Majesty's Attorney-General. In

[1] Rogers, "History of Agriculture and Prices," vol. vi., p. 598.

the meantime his name appears as having been present at twenty-nine parliaments of the Inn between January, 1592, when he is no longer included among the "others" said to be present, and the 3rd November, 1595, when he was elected to the highest office of the Society. In addition to his attendances on parliament, he appears to have served as Chairman of Committees, to which various matters were referred. Amongst them were a question as to the salary of
p. 382 the gardener and the proposed employment of a gate-keeper; a
p. 383 petition of the Master of the Temple for better payment of his dues and some augmentation thereof; the grievances of the steward, sur-
p. 408 veyors, and gardeners; and the reformation of abuses concerning commons. As treasurer he was very assiduous in his attendances, and apparently drew and certainly signed a long minute in reference
p. 412 to the benchers' chambers and the buildings of Dr. Julius Cesar. In
p. 415 November, 1596, he was re-elected treasurer for a second year, and to the end of the Queen's reign he attended nearly every Parliament. Probably owing in part to his energy, the business of the Parliament during the later years of Elizabeth appears to have increased, and stringent orders were certainly made to promote the study of the law within the walls of this House. He took great interest in everything pertaining to the Society, whether of serious or of minor
p. 435 importance, not disdaining to act while Attorney-General as referee on the disputed claims of George Lowe and John Gorgge to the
p. 430 office of Master Cook. In January, 1599-1600, according to the usual practice of the Inn, he was granted a special admission gratis for Edward Coke, his son and heir apparent, who, however, died in
p. 430 his father's lifetime, and also one for Walter Aston, son of Sir Edward Aston, of Tixall, Stafford, being his ward. He also appears to have
p. 396 previously had an admission for his step-brother, John Bosowne or Bosaune, on payment of 20*s*. The close of the reign found him still Attorney-General and occupying chambers in Fuller's Rents.

It remains to say a few words as to the books themselves, which contain these entries. They are two in number, 17 inches in length and $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches in breadth. The material of which they are composed is strong handmade paper. Both books have been rebound at some distant date, and somewhat cut in the process. The first volume dates from 1505 to 1589; the remaining years of the Queen's reign being found in the second book, which extends from 1589 to

1638. The minutes of the Parliaments are in different handwritings, those of the earliest period being uniformly in a running and not in a clerical hand. They appear to have been entered by each succeeding treasurer in his own writing, and present the eccentric varieties of caligraphy which would be expected under such circumstances. At a later date we find that the entries of certain treasurers are written by a clerk, unless the treasurer himself wrote a clerical hand, which is not probable. From the commencement of the records down to the latter half of the reign of Henry VIII., the treasurers' minutes are headed with the letters I H S, a practice not uncommon in the pre-reformation days, when entries or memoranda related to matters of primary importance. Thus the book itself commences at the head of the second folio with I h s, and on other pages I h u. Down to the year 1539 the minutes are in Latin, with occasional entries in English. After that date they are almost uniformly in English.

There are in many places marginal notes, indicating the nature of the business transacted; but these are mostly of a more modern style, and in very few instances form part of the original entry.

Several blank sheets are to be found at the beginning and at the end of the first book. Among the former is one containing the following memorandum:

"Ricus Marple—An° 31 Eliz.:
"It apeares fol. 1 there was a treas^{r} formerly and a former Book, etc."

Suggesting that when the book was finished in 1589 (31 Eliz.), the "former book," to which reference is made, was not even then forthcoming.

On another blank sheet is the following without date:

"I. H. S.
"Robert Xpofer admissus est in loco Nicℏi Comyss.
"Johẽs Crome admissus est in loco Roberti Xpofer.
"Ihus—Amen so be it."

And on another sheet:

"J. B. thezarar̃ a° primo Ê. Sexti. Anthōyus Gelle admissus est in camera. Thōe Meres ex concess' ipsius Thome."

J. B. refers to John Beaumont, who was treasurer in 1 and 2 Edward VI. Anthony Gell of Hopton Derby, was admitted in 1547, but the other names in these entries cannot be traced.

The close of Elizabeth's reign left the Inn and its fellows still at the mercy of the Crown, to whom they were tenants at will, having no title but that resting upon the most unsubstantial of foundations, the favour of the reigning Sovereign. Upon this, however, the two Inns had relied, and since the forfeiture to the Sovereign in 32 Henry VIII., the benchers of our Inn had added greatly to the value of the property by buildings and repairs, had renovated their hall, had joined in restoring their Church, had embanked their garden, and had proceeded in all respects as if, by the assent of the Crown for what was even then a nominal rent, they were the actual freeholders of the houses and land of their portion of the New Temple. Their confidence, which was well placed so long as the Tudors were on the throne, was destined to be rudely shaken under the first of the Stuarts, but at the time when this volume concludes, no doubt had arisen as to the security of their tenure. The collegiate character of the Inn was still maintained. "Come again to your College" were the words addressed to John Paston in 1440; and in 1603 the same system of collegiate discipline, of celibate living, of a common hall, of chamber life, and of compulsory attendance at the services of the church, at readings, at lectures, and at moots is found in operation. The standard of education for the profession of the bar had been, however, very materially raised. The shadowy curriculum of miscellaneous study described by Fortescue had given place to a more definite system of legal training, initiated by Queen Mary and regularized by Coke and his immediate predecessors, so that there was now, for the first time, some assurance that the practisers of the law were not entirely without knowledge of legal principles and procedure. The religious aspect of the Inn had, during the one hundred years of this volume, passed through various phases. The Church itself, with its services and its ornaments, had been accommodated to the recurring changes along with the Master, Dr. Ermested, who had officiated before and after the Reformation, and before, during, and after the restoration of Roman Catholicism, and who, having begun as a catholic priest under the Prior of S. John, subject to the supremacy of the Pope, had ended as a protestant

pastor under the supremacy of the Crown. The ornate service and the gorgeous ritual of the Church of Rome, familiar to the people during the reign of Henry VII., had disappeared under the ordinances of Elizabeth, and the question of vestments had resolved itself into a contest whether the lecturer should preach in a cloak or in a gown. The system under which the Inns of Court were governed had also undergone substantial modification. It sufficed for the early years of our history that discipline should be maintained according to precedents, though they might be of doubtful origin, and at the discretion of the governors and benchers, although their decisions might not always be consistent with each other, or supported by considerations of an enlightened equity. But a more settled state of society demanded more exact and definite regulations. The condition of the Inns had, on more than one occasion, under the Tudors, seemed to warrant the interposition of the Crown, and by the end of the period now under consideration, the orders issued by the Privy Council, assented to by the judges, and promulgated by the Inns of Court, had laid the foundation of that procedure which now, after many variations, regulates the admission, the call, and the government of practitioners at the bar. Revelling and festivity, which during the Wars of the Roses, and under the first of the Tudors had been confined to eating, drinking, and dancing, with an occasional show of jugglery or an interlude, and a strain of minstrelsy, had gradually developed into performances characterized by literary and artistic excellence. The governors and associates of the Society being among the most distinguished men of the age, had, during the reign of Elizabeth, reformed the entertainments given by the Inn, had introduced a certain amount of spectacular effect into their masques, and had infused a literary quality into the dramas, which, under their auspices, were for the first time presented to the world. As the legal and literary status of the Society had advanced within the century, so also had its material prosperity increased, so that when, within a few years, it was called upon to insure its existence by a substantial payment, there was little difficulty in raising the necessary amount from the members of the Inn. When James I. ascended the throne the Inner Temple had still enrolled among its members many names destined to be celebrated in the annals of history. Leicester, Hatton, and Essex had passed away, but Coke, Coventry,

Chief Justice Anderson, and Thos. Sackville, Lord Buckhurst, were still active in public life, while among the young men marked out for future distinction were Francis Beaumont, the poet and dramatist, admitted in November, 1600, Edward Littleton, afterwards Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas and Lord Keeper, Heath, Attorney General and Chief Justice to King Charles, and Henry Finch, Speaker of the House of Commons. But a new race of students was about to arise, men who were to defend our liberties and to reform our laws. Among the greatest of these, the most accomplished of jurists, the most learned of antiquaries, the most courageous of patriots, was John Selden, a student for a time in an Inn of Chancery, who, as the Queen was passing away, moved from his lodgings in Clifford's Inn to a chamber with a gallery overlooking the Temple garden. Here he was destined to spend the best years of his life and, after a career which has shed more lustre upon our society than that of any other of our fellows, to be reverently and honourably laid to rest in the Temple Church.

F. A. INDERWICK.

WINCHELSEA,
October, 1896.

A CALENDAR OF THE

INNER TEMPLE RECORDS.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.[1]

HENRY VII.

PARLIAMENT of the Inner Temple held on the morrow of All Souls, 21 Henry VII., A.D. 1505, in the presence of WILLIAM RUDALE, JOHN SALTER, WILLIAM EYRE, THOMAS PIGOTT, and others.

GOVERNORS :—Littelton, elected for Kidwelly, Sutton, and Rudale.

Treasurer :—Legh, R.

Reader :—Babyngton, T.

Attendants on the reader :—Eyre and Skyllyng.

Auditors for the treasurer's account :—Hallis, Tichbourne, Malet, and Horde.

Pensioner :—Morton.

Steward for Christmas :—Foxeley.

[1] Nearly all the entries in the early Acts of Parliament of the Inner Temple are in Latin. When the entries in the original are in English, they are, up to 1539, either so denoted at the end of the entry or else given in full with the old spelling. After 1538 the entries are nearly all in English, so that no further indication of the language is then given.

Marshal :—Pawlet.

Butler :—Tate.

Clerk of the kitchen :—Farman.

Masters of the revels :— ——.

Blewet, who was elected steward in Midsummer Term last past, again elected. He answered that he made a fine in the time of Hall, treasurer. Therefore it is ordered that view and search be made in the time of Hall, and if the fine be not so recorded, that he then be amerced 10*li.* Fine afterwards pardoned.

Greseley in the said term was elected marshal according to the new ordinance, and he answered that he was unable to exercise the said office. Therefore he was amerced 10*li.*, of which he was afterwards acquitted.

Hunton in like manner elected butler, and answered that he was unable to exercise the said office, therefore he was amerced 100*s.* He was afterwards pardoned.

Amercements of the Autumn vacation :—Bewffo, for the whole vacation, 20*s.*; Tate, for the whole vacation, 20*s.*; Cotterell, for the whole vacation, 20*s.*; Elis, for the whole vacation, 20*s.*, whereof he was pardoned for 13*s.* 4*d.* which he paid to R[alph] L[egh]; and Orell for the whole vacation, 20*s.*

Thomas Barnarston, who was admitted a member in the time of William Eyre, treasurer, pardoned all his vacations except the two to be kept within three years from the time of his scholarship (*eruditio*) next after his admission, and he gave for a fine, as appears in another book, fol. 150, in the time of Ralph Legh, treasurer, and likewise he was excused from serving all offices, except those of butler, marshal, and steward. And this is written here at the request of the said Thomas, because it is not plainly written in the other book.

Parliament held on 19 November, 21 Henry VII., A.D. 1505.

It was agreed that Paulet be excused from serving the office of marshal for divers considerations, and also because he promised, by Pigott and Skyllyng, to exercise the said office next year, under the penalty of 10*li.*

Chamons elected marshal in the place of the same Paulet.

Pakyngton discharged from next vacation, because he is ill.

Coterell, T., assigned the chamber where Tirell and Tate lie, next the hall of the priests, saving the right of everyone.

Vance, knight, discharged by the governors from all dues, formerly in arrear, for 40*s.*, which he paid to the treasurer.

Sir John Legh, knight, and Ralph Legh, his brother, by authority of the governors and treasurer, are assigned the chamber where Morgan Kidwelly lately lay, on whose soul may God have mercy.

Sir Nicholas Vance, knight, pardoned all dues owing before this day, for 40*s.*, which he paid to the treasurer. *This entry crossed out.*

Acton, T., pardoned by the governors all dues owing before this day, on condition that he pay the moiety of the same before next Easter.

Tirell pardoned all amercements and fines owing before this day, and relieved from serving the offices of marshal and steward, on condition that he pay 66*s.* 8*d.* before next Easter. And afterwards he was pardoned for 53*s.* 4*d.*

Buteler, the younger, pardoned by the governors all pensions in arrear before this day, on condition that he pay 40*s.* before next Easter.

It is agreed that on account of the plague the feast of Christmas shall not be observed this year according to ancient custom, but that those of the society who have their vacations to keep and wish to be in commons, may hold this as a vacation.

—— Hossier assigned the chamber over the buttery (*promtuarium*) where Edmund Appulby and Hurde lie, saving the right of the said Edmund when he shall come.

Thomas Heldrersham assigned the chamber near the hall of the priests, where John Burgon lately lay.

Hede for divers considerations is pardoned all pensions. *This entry crossed out.*

Tirryngham, the elder, for divers considerations and because his brother paid 6*s.* 8*d.* for part of his pensions, is pardoned the remainder.

Chambre, at the special instance of his friends, is pardoned all amercements, vacations, and fines of offices and other fines before this day owed, for 53*s.* 4*d.*

PARLIAMENT held on 5 February, 21 Henry VII., A.D. 1505-6, in the presence of RICHARD LITTELTON, WILLIAM RUDALE, FULWODE, HALIS, SKOT, and others.

It was agreed that Blewet, who was amerced 10*li.* because he failed to exercise the office of steward for Christmas last past, and Hunton, who was amerced 100*s.* because he declined to exercise the office of butler for the same feast, be pardoned because the said feast was not observed according to ancient custom.

Thomas Babyngton, who was elected reader for the autumn vacation, pardoned for 100*s.*, because he deposed on oath at this parliament that his sight was very defective.

Fulwode was elected reader.

PARLIAMENT held on 12 February, in the presence of Master Recorder FULWODE, HALIS, SKOTE, and others.

Denton, who formerly, as appears in another book, was amerced 100*s.*, is now pardoned for 66*s.* 8*d.*, on condition that he pay the same before Easter next.

Bulstrode, who owed 33*s.* for a penalty and other things, is pardoned all dues in arrear before this day for 20*s.* And be it remembered that in the time of Briknell he was pardoned all offices and other things, as he says, therefore he is pardoned for the said 20*s.* all offices and other things, as it was admitted in the time of Briknell.

Admission of Roger Farneham in the first week of Lent (*in Septimana Carniprenii*). And he was admitted generally, only that he should be at the clerks' commons as long as it pleased him.

John Osbalston assigned a chamber near another assigned to Richard Halle, the elder, and Edward Halle, the younger.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 May, 21 Henry VII., A.D. 1506, in the presence of RICHARD LITTELTON, WILLIAM RUDALE, JOHN FULWODE, and others.

Pensions :—2*s.*

Reader :—Skyllyng.

Attendants on the reader :—Bromeley and Port.

Coterell pardoned the vacation fine for 13*s.*, which he paid to the treasurer.

Osbalston discharged from all fines and amercements before this day for 3*li.*, which he paid to the treasurer.

Elis licensed to be out of commons and pensions for divers considerations, on condition that he pay the pensions now in arrear.

Admission of Strode as a member, and because he was very zealous in divers matters pertaining to the house, and for other considerations, he is discharged from vacations for a fine of 20*s.*

Vacations in the time of Lent :—Bewfoo for the whole vacation, 20*s.* ; Tate for the whole vacation, 20*s.* ; Mustian for the whole vacation, 20*s.* ; and Cope for five weeks after the reading, 6*s.*

By authority of this parliament and by previous agreements of the governors and others, William Eyer, late treasurer, was assigned the chamber where Thomas Brown (?) lately lay.

PARLIAMENT held on 29 June.

Memorandum, that Foxeley was elected steward, Paulet, marshal, Tate, butler, Farman, clerk of the kitchen.

Memorandum, that by authority of this parliament, because Elis had neither exhibition nor nomination when he was called to the masters' commons, he is discharged from the amercements for vacations, on condition that he pay his pensions, which he paid. And he is discharged from the society (*comitiva*) until he has better exhibition.

Admission of Tate, an attorney (*attonius*), and he is discharged from all things for a fine of 40*s.*

Tate —— assigned a chamber where Horde lies, and where Edmund Apulby lately lay.

Lucy pardoned all his pensions in arrear before this day, for 40*s.*, which he paid.

Hede in like manner pardoned all his pensions in arrear before this day for 20*s.*

Cope, at the instance of the reader, Skyllyng, pardoned his Christmas and other vacations, except the times of scholarship, for a fine of 20*s.*

Admission of Farneham of "Clifforttes Inne" at the instance of Ralph Legh, treasurer, and for a special consideration it was agreed that he should have the particular favour of being at the clerks' commons for as long as he wished.

John Shelley assigned a chamber where Gilbert Stowkton lies, and where Robert Cornewallys lately lay.

William Shelley assigned a chamber where William Brevett, now serjeant at law, lately lay; and Knyghtley and Baker are assigned a chamber newly made under the library, and because they have laid out many necessary expenses upon the same, the chamber is assigned to them and their heirs, being members of the society.

Laurence Wadham assigned a chamber where Sir Thomas Frowyk, knight, chief justice of the Common Pleas, and Thomas Marowe, late serjeant at law, lay.

PARLIAMENT held on 2 November, 22 Henry VII., A.D. 1506.

Governors this year:—Littelton, Sutton, and Rudedale.
Treasurer:—Legh, R.
Reader:—Skyllyng, the younger.
Attendants on the reader:—Bromeley and Port.
Auditors of the account:— ——.
Pensioner for this year:—Babyngton, A.
Steward for Christmas:—Foxeley.
Marshal:—Paulett.
Butler:—Tate.
Clerk of the kitchen:—Fareman.
Masters of the revels:— ——.

Vacation amercements:—Amercements pardoned this time on account of the plague.

It was agreed at this parliament that Henry Coke, formerly cook, should have 20*s.* in satisfaction of all debts owing to him by this society, which sum was paid.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 February, 22 Henry VII., A.D. 1506-7, in the presence of RICHARD LITELTON, WILLIAM RUDEALL, and others.

By authority of this parliament Edward Tame is called to the bench.

Because the gentlemen of the house dare not tarry for Christmas on account of the plague, they are pardoned the vacation this time, so that they keep another vacation at another feast.

Cunesby, Burbigham, and Netherfeld, who served the house by an ancient order and were losers at the same feast, each of them ——.

Upon certificate that Brent, who was before amerced 100*s.* because he was not butler at Christmas, was ill at the said time, he is pardoned on condition that he be butler at the next feast.

Faunt le Roy pardoned for Lent vacation next to come on condition that he keep another vacation for it.

Thomas Jeremyn admitted a member and discharged from all vacations and offices for a fine of 53*s.* 4*d.*, which he paid.

Admission of Richard Wye.

Admission of Cripes.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 April, 22 Henry VII., A.D. 1507, in the presence of RICHARD LITTELTON, WILLIAM RUDDALE, ROBERT FULWODE, JOHN SALTER, and others.

Pensions :—2*s.*

Reader :—Port.

Attendants on the reader :—Salter and Bromley.

Amercements of Lent vacation, 1507 :—Bewpho for the whole vacation, 20*s.*; Tate for the whole vacation, 20*s.*; Coterell for the whole vacation, 20*s.*; Hildresham for the whole vacation, 20*s.*; Bonham for three weeks in the reading and four after, 11*s.* 8*d.*; Palmer, C., for two weeks in the reading and four after, 10*s.*; Faunte le Roy for the whole vacation, 20*s.*, he paid 12*d.* and was discharged from the remainder by Salter and Tichborne; Knyghtley for two weeks after the reading, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Brice for the whole vacation, 20*s.*; Haddon for the whole vacation, 20*s.*; Mustian for half a week in the reading and four after, 7*s.* 4*d.*

Salter discharged from all amercements for vacations for 20*s.*

Admission of Gilbert Tymbulby of "Furnyvallis Inne", at the instance of the recorder, and by special favour he was allowed to be at the clerks' commons.

Shirley, knight, discharged from all things on condition that he pay 4*li.*

Gilbert Thymbulby and Gilbert Wilson assigned a chamber where Shirloke lately lay, which is under Sutton.

PARLIAMENT held on 6 July, 22 Henry VII., A.D. 1507.

Steward for Christmas :—Foxeley.

Marshal :—Paulet.

Butler :—Tate.

Clerk of the kitchen :—Farman.

Admission of —— Jerrard, principal of "Barnardes Inne", at the instance of Port, reader, and because he was a particular friend of the society before his coming, it was agreed that he should have special favour as well in being at the clerks' commons as in other things.

Admission of —— Combes, at the instance of Gilbert Stowgkton, and he is pardoned all amercements for 40*s.*

Admission of Gilbert Wilson of "Furnyvals Inne", at the instance of Thymbulby, and it was agreed that he should have the special favour of being of the clerks' commons, and of being there as long as he pleased.

Admission of —— Hassald of "Davys Inne", at the instance of Littelton, and it was agreed he should have the special favour of being at the clerks' commons.

Admission of —— Seyntabyn of "Stronde In", at the instance of Wye, the younger.

Order for a chest to be made for the treasurer's accounts. *Entry crossed out.*

Admission, at the instance of Sir John Danser,[1] knight, of —— Danser, his son and heir apparent, and he was admitted into the chamber of Bromley.

[1] Possibly a mistake for Danvers.

"By auctorite of divers parlimentes by for tyme hade, hit is ordred and establishid that ther be made a convenient chest, and that hit be sett in the parlement house with divers lokkes to the same, and that all the olde presidentes, roullis, and other wrytynges, perteynyng unto the company, wich be not deliveryd unto the treasorer of the yere, for the tyme beyng, be put into the seid chest.

"Item, that every yere at the eleccion of the treasorer ther be made a roule of pencyons wich be dewe to the company unto the tyme of the same eleccion, in maner and fourme as the roull of pencions wich was made and examyned by Antony Babyngton, Brokisby, and Rauf Legh; and that roull soo made be auctorizet by auctorite of parlement, and that all the perticuler roulis, wherby the same roull is made, be cancelled and put to remayne in the seid chest in the parlement hous; and that upon the seid roull newe made be wrytyn the names of the governours and treasorer, and then delyveryd unto the pencioner by indentur, wherof on part to remayne in the seid chest and the other with the pencyoner, and that in the same indenture be pute all the names conteynyd in the seid roull, with the totall some wich is dewe to the cumpany by the same roull. And that at the yeres ende the treasorer or the pencioner make accompt by the same roul of all the pencions gedred [gathered] that yere by hyme, and that this ordre be kept yerely, etc.

"And in like wisse hit is ordred and established by like auctorite, that every yere at the eleccion of the treasorer ther be a roull made of fynes and amercementz, wich be dewe to the company unto the tyme of the same eleccion, in maner and fourme as the roull of fynes and amercymentes was made and examynyd by Antony Babyngton, Brokysby, and Rauf Legh; and all the particulers wherby that roull is made, be cancelled and put to remayne in the seid chest, and that upon the seid roull newe made be wrytyn the names of the governours, and then delyveryd unto the treasorer by indentur, in like maner and fourme as by fore is rehersid of the roull to be delyveryd unto the pencioner, and that the treasorer, for all fynes and amercements by fore his tyme seassid, make accompt by the same roull, etc.

"And this ordre duely kept and executid, the treasorer and pencioner shall have a great redynesse for the gaderyng of the dewtyes of the cumpany and for makyng of theyr accomptes, etc.

"For the treasorer shall gadre by thre thynges and by chargid

with theym upon his accompt, that is to say, with the seid roull of fynes and amercementez made and assessid by fore his tyme, and secundaryly with fynes and amercementez seassid in his tyme, and thridly with the pencions roull made in his tyme.

"And the pencioner shall gedre and accompt by the roull made unto hyme, etc."

PARLIAMENT held on the feast of All Souls, 23 Henry VII., A.D. 1507.

Governors of the house:—Richard Littelton, William Rudale, and Thomas Babyngton.

Treasurer:—John Carill.

Reader:—Salter.

Steward for Christmas:—Foxeley.

Marshal:—Pawlet.

Butler:—Tate.

Clerk of the kitchen:—Forman.

Masters of the revels:—Brice, Tate, Haddon, and Plunket.

Auditors of the account of Ralph Legh, late treasurer:—Port, Stowghton, Moreton, and Wyllyngton.

Paulet discharged from the office of marshal for 10*li.*, but for divers considerations he is pardoned for 5 marks.

Pensioner:—Forman.

Hawte, S., marshal in default of Paulet.

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday after the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Mary, 23 Henry VII., A.D. 1508.

Order that Brice and Haddon be each amerced 6*s.* 8*d.*, because they made default in the office of master of the revels at Christmas, 1507, and that they make a contribution to Plunket and Tate, who did what pertained to their office.

Hawte, steward at the same feast, although forewarned, departed without licence, and did nothing which pertained to his office, therefore he is amerced by assent of all the company and by authority of the last parliament, 10*li.*

Order that Thomas Blount, who was not present at the Christmas

vacation, should have the choice either of paying 26*s.* 8*d.* as an amercement for the vacation, or of paying 6*s.* 8*d.*, and keeping another vacation at Christmas next.

Order that Brokesby, who was absent two weeks at Christmas, be pardoned for the sum of 6*s.* 8*d.*

Special admission to the society of Robardson, that is to say, he is pardoned the serving of all offices of the society for a fine of 4 marks, and one hogshead of Gascony wine.

Admission of Blagge, the younger, and Fulford.

Tyndale assigned the chamber where Edmund Appulby lately lay.

PARLIAMENT held on 18 May, 23 Henry VII., A.D. 1508, before RICHARD SUTTON, W. RUDHALE, ROBERT FULWODE, JOHN SCOT (?), RALPH LEGH, JOHN PORT, and NICHOLAS TYCHBORNE.

Pensions :—2*s.*

Reader :—George Bromley.

Attendants on the reader :—Nicholas Tychborn and Richard Snede.

Order[1] that every Saturday before breakfast the butler shall make a repast when the names of those owing for commons shall be entered upon a roll by the steward.

Memorandum, that John Caryll, by authority of the governors at the parliament held on the commemoration of All Souls, 1508, was assigned and admitted to a chamber where Acton, J., lately lay, and had liberty to choose one of the society as his fellow in the same chamber, and he chose Richard Bluet.

Fulwod assigned a chamber where Hall, the elder, lay, whereupon it was ordered by the society, with the assent of the same Fulwode, that if and whensoever the said Hall should come, that the said Fulwod should retire from the aforesaid chamber and give place to the same Hall, and so as often as he should come. And the same Fulwode was ordered to write to the aforesaid Hall for his consent to this arrangement.

[1] This entry is almost illegible.

PARLIAMENT held on Relic Sunday, 23 Henry VII., A.D. 1508, before WILLIAM RUDHALE, —— BABYNGTON, JOHN SCOTT, GEORGE BROMLEY, NICHOLAS TYCHBORN, GILBERT STOUGHTON, THOMAS PYGOT, and RICHARD LYTTELTON.

Marshal :—Umpton, in default of Thomas Denys.

Steward :—Boteler, the younger, in default of Thomas Wellys.

Butler :—Shyrwode, J., in default of Cokeyn.

PARLIAMENT held on the feast of the commemoration of All Souls, 24 Henry VII., A.D. 1508, before RICHARD LITTELTON, WILLIAM RUDALL, THOMAS PYGOTE, MALET, and CARYLL.

Pensions :—2*s*.

Governors for this year :—Richard Littelton, William Rudhal, and Thomas Babyngton.

Treasurer :—Pygot.

Reader :—Bromley.

Steward for Christmas :—Boteler, and in default Wells.

Marshal :—Umpton, and in default Thomas Denys.

Butler :—Shyrwode, and in default Cokeyn.

Clerk of the kitchen :—Baldewyn, and in default Shelley.

Masters of the revels :—Danvers, T., Gerard, Sentaubyn, and Wye.

Auditors of the account of John Caryll, late treasurer :—Tichborne, Malet, Broun, and Bury.

Attendants upon the reader :—Tychborne and Snede.

Order that all who were present the whole autumn vacation, 1508, shall have an allowance, and those who were absent shall keep a like vacation at the next vacation.

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday after the feast of the Purification, 24 Henry VII., A.D. 1509, before RICHARD LITELTON, WILLIAM RUDHALE, JOHN CARYLL, and MALET.

Boteler amerced 10*li*., because he would not undertake the office of steward at Christmas last past.

Thomas Welles amerced 10*li*., because he would not undertake

the same office in default of the said Boteler. Discharged from the amercement, because he was not summoned.

Umpton amerced 10*li.*, because he would not undertake the office of marshal at Christmas. Discharged from the amercement for the same reason.

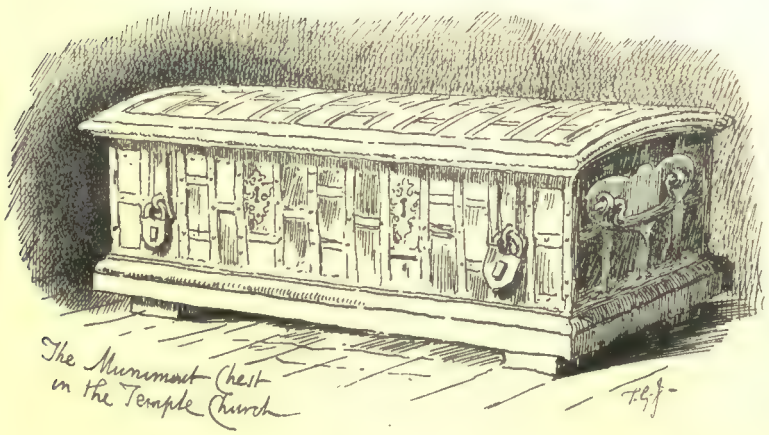
Thomas Denys amerced 10*li.*, because he would not undertake the same office in default of Umpton.

Admission of Chawith, and he is pardoned all offices and permitted to be out of commons at his pleasure for a fine of 40*s.* And he is assigned [a chamber] with Rowland Babyngton.

Like admission of Sheffeld at the instance of Sir Robert Sheffeld, knight, and he gives for a fine, 26*s.*

Admission of Richard Nortone, and he is pardoned all offices and vacations. And Nicholas Thicheborne binds himself in one cask of wine for the time of the reading of Nicholas Techeborne (*sic*) for the payment by the said Richard Norton of his pensions.

Admission of John Mires and George Pawlett, and they are assigned the chamber of Sulyard on the west side of the hall.



ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

HENRY VIII.

PARLIAMENT held on the feast of St. Thomas (?), 1 Henry VIII., A.D. 1509, before LITELTON, FULWODE, SALTER, CARYLL, SCOTT, and SKYLLYNG.

READER :—Ticheborne.

Attendants on the reader :—Pygot and Snede.

Memorandum, that Plunkett, Strode, Masse, Haddon, Brice, Tate, Hasilrygge, Bonham, J., Brokesby, W., Eyr, and Draycottes are each of them amerced 20*s.* because they were absent for the whole of Lent vacation last past.

Knyghtley, for four weeks after reading, 4*s.*

Fauntleroy, for two weeks after reading, 2*s.*

Wedy, for three weeks after reading, 3*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on Friday before the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 1 Henry VIII., A.D. 1509, before RICHARD SUTTON, WILLIAM RUDHALL, CARILL, and PORTE.

Order that every member of this society within the precincts of the City of London or in the suburbs of the same, shall pay for "lez standyngges" in the time of "le justes," after the coronation, 16*d.*

PARLIAMENT held on All Souls' day, 1 Henry VIII., A.D. 1509, before LYTTELTON, RUDALLE, SALTER, and CARELLE.

Reader :—Pyget. Attendants on the reader :—Snede and Halys.

Treasurer :—Halys.

Steward for Christmas :—Tate. *Barrett and Reigne, crossed out.*

Marshal :—Denton, and in default Cokayn. He was not duly summoned, and Fyss exercised the office.

Butler :—Beaufo. Haddon occupied the office.

Clerk of the kitchen :—Byrmynham occupied the office.

Masters of the revels :—Babyngton, R., Dracottes (he did not exercise the office), Tyndale, Thymbelby, and Wodye.

Amercements for the Autumn vacation :—Brokesby, W., Bryce, Haddon, Tyndale, and Plunkett, for the whole vacation, 20*s.* each ; Massy for one week in the reading and four after the reading, 5*s.*

Farnham pardoned all past amercements for vacations, and all his vacations to come for 26*s.* 8*d.*, whereof he paid to the treasurer 13*s.* 4*d.*

Auditors for Pygot :—Halys, Skyllyng, and Moretone.

Memorandum, that in Michaelmas Term, 1509, William Molens, a member of "Clyffordys Yne," was admitted a member of the Inner Temple without any pardon.

Admission of Andrew Bylsbye, and he is pardoned all offices and vacations and permitted to be out of commons at his pleasure for a fine of 20*s.*, which he paid to Edward Halys.

PARLIAMENT held on 13 November, 1 Henry VIII., A.D. 1509.

Whereas Baret and Reyne were excused from serving the office of steward, as appears long since, nevertheless they were elected to that office, one in default of the other, as appears at the last parliament, therefore Lucas was elected steward for Christmas, and Moreton in default of him. Moreton afterwards excused from that office.

Muschamp elected to the office of butler.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 February, 1 Henry VIII., A.D. 1509-10.

Thomas Lucas amerced 10*li.* for not undertaking the office of steward at last Christmas.

Beawfo amerced 100*s.* for not undertaking the office of butler at the same feast.

Muschamp amerced 100*s.* for not undertaking the office of butler at the same feast. And he was afterwards for special considerations pardoned for 20*s.*, which he paid to Edward Hales, treasurer, and he undertook to be butler next Christmas.

Dracotes amerced 6*s.* 8*d.* for not undertaking the office of master of the revels.

Denton amerced 10*li.* for not undertaking the office of marshal, unless he can show a discharge therefrom.

Memorandum, that on 10 February, 1510, George Gyfford was admitted a member without any dispensation.

Memorandum, that on 15 February, Henry Whyte, a member of "Clyffordes In", was admitted a member without dispensation.

Memorandum, that on 18 February, Thomas Umpton was admitted a member and was pardoned all vacations and offices, and permitted to be out of commons at his pleasure, for a fine of 20*s.*, because he was before a member of the society and removed himself therefrom for reasonable cause.

Memorandum, that on 18 February, Simon Rye was admitted a member and was pardoned all vacations and offices and permitted to be out of commons at his pleasure for special consideration and a fine of 20*s.*

Memorandum, that on 15 February, Richard Lamborn was admitted a member without dispensation.

Memorandum, that —— Goddolphyn was admitted a member without dispensation.

Waddam pardoned amercements for Christmas vacation 1507, because he kept Christmas vacation 1509.

John Porte, solicitor of the king, assigned the chamber where Ralph Lygh lay at the time of his death, with the consent of Sir John Lygh, knight, who had formerly been assigned that chamber with the said Ralph.

Edward Halys assigned the chamber where John Port lately lay, which is under the chamber of John Salter.

Amercements for the Christmas vacation:—Tate, B., Brokysby, W., Plunket, Danvers, J., the younger, Eyer, and Dracotes, each for the whole vacation, 40*s.*

Manne is bound to E[dward] H[ales] in 40*s.* to be paid to the use of the society for all amercements for vacations before the feast

of All Saints next to come, and he agrees to keep Christmas vacation next to come, and therefore he is pardoned all amercements for not keeping his past vacations.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 April, 2 Henry VIII., A.D. 1510.

Pensions :—2*s.*

Reader :—Snede.

Attendants on the reader :—Carelle and Stowghton.

Amercements of Lent vacation :—Tate, B., Haddon, Brokesby, Plunket, Eyer, and Dracotes, each for the whole vacation, 20*s.*

Tyndale pardoned all amercements for vacations past and to come for 40*s.*, whereof he paid to Edward Hales, treasurer, 33*s.* 4*d.*, and so he owes 6*s.* 8*d.*

Blount owed 20*s.* for amercements for vacations, whereof he paid Edward Hales, treasurer, 13*s.* 4*d.*, and so he owes 6*s.* 8*d.*

Massy pardoned the amercement for Christmas vacation, 1507, because he kept Christmas vacation, 1509.

Admission of Dr. Whetstonys, and he is discharged from all offices and permitted to be out of commons at his pleasure for one hogshead of wine, which he delivered for Lent vacation, when Pygot read.

PARLIAMENT held on 12 May, 2 Henry VIII., A.D. 1510, before LYTTELTON, RUDDALLE, FULWOD, CARELLE, SCOT, PORTE, SKYLLYNG, and others.

Memorandum, that John Carelle delivered to this parliament for the chest of the treasury, 54*s.* 11*d.*

Order that W. Ruddalle shall have one key of the same chest, Edward Halys, treasurer, another, and the butler the third.

Memorandum, that Thomas Combes, auditor, was admitted a member and pardoned all charges and offices for 40*s.*, which he did not pay, as appears at the parliament held on 6 July, 1507. And now it is agreed that he shall pay 40*s.* only, for all pensions now past, and he pays 36*s.* thereof, and 4*s.* for pensions to Edward Hales, who charges himself with the same on his roll of pensions. And the said Combes is permitted to be out of commons at his pleasure.

Memorandum, that Robert Mathewe is excused from serving the office of steward and from the amercements for the same for 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, because he formerly occupied other offices imposed upon him by the society.

Memorandum, that Edward Mone was admitted a member by the governors and others of the bench on 17 June, 1510, without dispensation.

Admission of the Abbot of Chester, and he is excused all charges for one pipe of wine which Snede, the reader, has for the time of his reading, but hitherto he has not read, yet he keeps "the said 40*s.*" for the time when he shall read.

Francis Moundeford pardoned all vacations for 23*s.*, which he paid to Edward Halys, treasurer.

Shelley, the younger, pardoned all amercements, as well for vacations as all other amercements, for 26*s.* 8*d.*

PARLIAMENT held on 30 June, 2 Henry VIII., A.D. 1510, before LYTELTON, FULWOD, SALTER, CARELLE, SKYLLYNG, TYCHEBORNE, and others.

Selman, on account of his infirmity, pardoned the amercements for the Christmas vacations in 1502 and 1503, and excused from serving the office of clerk of the kitchen, for 26*s.* 8*d.*, on condition that he pay one moiety thereof this term, and the other in the quindenes of St. Michael next to come.

Skyllyng, the elder, pardoned all pensions in arrear for 20*s.*

PARLIAMENT held 7 July, 2 Henry VIII., A.D. 1510, before FULWOD, SALTER, SCOTT, SKYLLYNG, TYCHEBORN, MALLET, MORETON, and others.

Stewards for Christmas :—Osbaldyston and Sulyard.

Marshals for the same feast :—Gresley (let him be amerced unless he undertake it) and Vernon.

Butler for the same feast :—Muschamp.

Clerk of the kitchen for the same feast :—Horde and Conyngesby.

Memorandum, that on 7 July, John Kenn was admitted a

member and pardoned all vacations and other charges and offices, and permitted to be out of commons at his pleasure, for 26*s.* 8*d.*, at the instance of Baldwin Malet.

Order that all amercements and pensions imposed upon Thomas Umpton shall be void, except the last pension, because he was out of the society at the time they were taxed.

John Tate pardoned all amercements and fines for vacations, for 30*s.*

Fyldyng, knight, paid Edward Hales, treasurer, 10*s.* which he was in arrear for a fine for vacations and amercements, as appears by the docket, which was taxed when Rudale was treasurer.

Admission of Richard Ward, without dispensation, on 10 August, and he was assigned a chamber where Suliard lay, next the garden.

Robert Wye assigned a chamber alone, where Thomas Pygot lies, and before him Sapcot lay.

Admission of Robert Pett, without dispensation, on 27 October.

Admission of Thomas Audele, and upon great instances being made to the society he is allowed to attend the clerks' commons until by deliberation of the society he shall be called to the masters' commons.

Robert Pett and —— Audele assigned a chamber where Edward Halys lay in "le Bastelle" in the Outer Temple.

Admission of John Fytzsymond of Ireland and "Furnyvalles Inne", without dispensation, in the autumn vacation.

Admission of John Latton, without dispensation, on 20 February, 1510.

Peter Fauntleroy assigned a chamber in the garden called "le Olyvaunte", saving the right of Sir John Scrope, knight.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 2 Henry VIII., A.D. 1510.

Pensions (because serjeants at law were made) :—4*s.*
Treasurer :—Skotte.
Pensioner :—Fizsemondes.
Reader :—Snede.
Attendants on the reader :—Halys and Stoughton.
Auditors of the account :—Port, Techeborne, Bury, and Brokesby.

Stewards for Christmas :—Sulyard and Welles.

Marshals :—Greseley (let him be amerced unless he undertake the office, he is amerced) and Vernon.

Butler :—Muschamp.

Clerk of the kitchen :—Conyngesby.

Masters of the revels :—Goddolphyn, Latton, Jefford, and Lambourne.

Amercements[1] of the Autumn vacation :—Babyngton, R., and Danvers, T., the younger, each for the whole vacation, 20*s.*

Parliament held 25 November, 2 Henry VIII., A.D. 1510, before William Ruddall, Robert Fulwod, and others.

Sulard[2] was elected to the office of steward for Christmas, and in default of him Wellez was elected, and neither of them came, therefore they are each amerced.

And in default of them, Bonham, T., or Baldwyn, was elected, and Baldwyn fulfilled the office.

Gryssley was elected to the office of marshal, and in default of him Vernon, and neither of them came, therefore they are each of them amerced 10*li.*

And in default of them, Tiryngham was elected, and at the instance of master Brudenell, justice, he was excused this year, and promised to undertake the office next Christmas. And Orwell was elected and promised the treasurer that he would fulfil the office and made default, and Waddam fulfilled the office in default of him.

John Taylard discharged himself from the society.

Pette and T. Awdely were formerly admitted by the special favour of the elders, and had permission to be at the clerks' commons for two years and longer at the discretion of the society.

Admission of Richard Danvers according to order, without dispensation.

[1] As the rates of amercements for vacations do not appear to alter, viz. :—for Christmas vacation, 40*s.*, for the Lent and Autumn vacations, for the whole vacation, 20*s.*, or 1*s.* a week, the names of those amerced will only be given, unless the scale of amercements should differ from the above.

[2] Over Sulard is written, *in mercy* 10*li.*

Admission of Treheron ap Morgan, esquire, to the masters' commons, at the instance of master Ruddall, and he gives for a fine for dispensation from all vacations and offices, 40*s.*

Luke Langland, who is with Lord "Wilschir", specially admitted, and he is excused all offices, vacations, and has licence to be out of commons, and he gives for a fine 4 marks. And he is admitted to a chamber where Edmund Appulby formerly lay.

Thomas Danvers and Richard, his brother, admitted to a chamber where master Carell and Shelley formerly lay.

Masters of the revels this year :—As before.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 February, 2 Henry VIII., A.D. 1510-11, before SIR ROBERT SCHEFILD, knight, RICHARD LYTYLTON, RICHARD SUTTON, and WILLIAM RUDDALE.

Order that the amercements set upon Welles, who was elected steward for Christmas last and did not come to exercise that office, be respited until it be known whether he had notice.

Grysley, for neglecting to exercise the office of marshal at Christmas, amerced 10*li.* Orwell, for the same, amerced 10*li.*

For "lez standynges a lez justis" at Westminster, each member of the society ought to pay 16*d.*

Order that Waddam, who undertook the office of marshal in default of the others, be hereafter discharged from serving the office of steward.

Haddon pardoned all amercements for vacations for a fine of 40*s.*, which he paid to John Scott.

Admission of Richard Tregose, at the instance of John Chamond, according to order, except he is discharged from being master of the revels and from the office of butler.

Admission of John Rede, son and heir of Robert Rede, chief justice of Common Pleas, at the request of his father. And he is discharged from all offices and vacations, and has liberty to be of the clerks' commons for three years.

PARLIAMENT held on 9 February, 2 Henry VIII., A.D. 1510-11, before SIR ROBERT SCHEFFILD, knight, WILLIAM RUDDALL, JOHN SALTER, and others.

Order that a book be made, and every person hereafter admitted into this company shall be entered therein, and the same book to be the Book of Admissions.

"Item it was ordered that every one of this company beyng in Towne in All Hallownwyke, Candelmaswyke, Cristmas, that Halownday Candelmas day (*sic*) that they be per diem and repasted the ij metyng nyghtes in Cristmas, when the ij howses mete, etc."

Admission of John Dudley[1] at the instance of John Salter.

John Scott assigned the chamber where Lucas, late solicitor to Henry VII., lay, and where Edward Grantam formerly lay while he lived.

PARLIAMENT held on 23 May, 2 Henry VIII., A.D. 1511.

Pensions :—2*s.*

Stoughton elected reader for the Autumn vacation.

Attendants on the reader :—Halis and Morton.

Westbroke pardoned all pensions and amercements for a fine of 26*s.* 8*d.*, which he paid to the treasurer by the hands of Gilbert Stoughton, whereof 20*s.* 8*d.* are for amercements, and 6*s.* for two pensions this year.

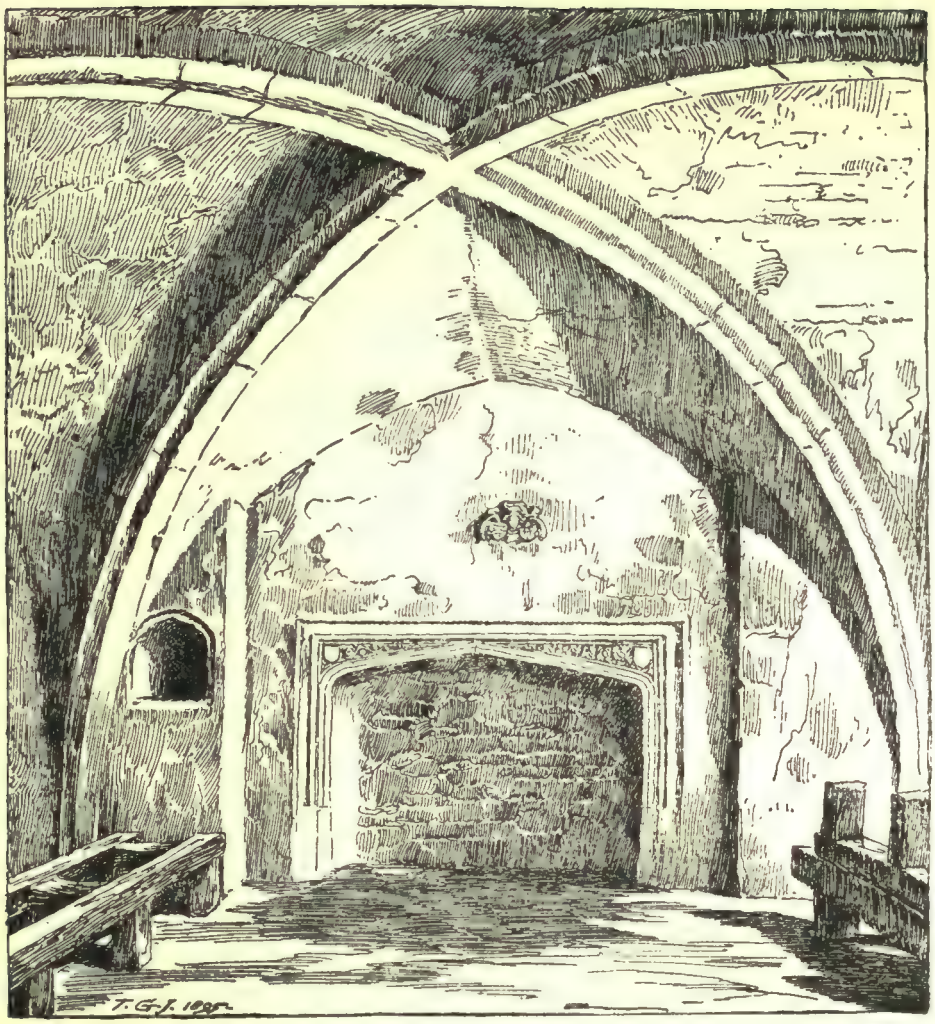
Gilbert Thymylby and Andrew Billisby assigned the sixth chamber over the south side of the hall of the master of the Temple, in which Denis lately lay.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 July, 3 Henry VIII., A.D. 1511, before RICHARD LETELTON, WILLIAM RUDDALL, and others.

Officers for Christmas :—

Steward :—Cokeyn is elected, and in default of him Pownteney (the same Pownteney did not come, therefore he is amerced 10*li.* and a cask).

[1] In the margin is "Dux Northumb".



ANCIENT CHAMBER UNDER THE BUTTERY.

Marshal :—Teryngham elected, but at the special instance of Master Brudenell excused for a fine of 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Butler :—Wey, and in default Fowler (both excused).

PARLIAMENT held on 7 July, 3 Henry VIII., A.D. 1511.

Cokein, who was elected steward, excused for a fine of 4*li.*, but at the instance of the solicitor of the king the fine was reduced to 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Thomas Denys elected to the office of marshal.

Because Wey and Fowler were excused all offices, Rowland Babyngton was elected butler, and in default Rypon. Rowland Babyngton respited for this vacation.

Waller pardoned the pensions in arrear for a fine of 40*s.*, whereof his son and heir paid to the hands of John Scott 20*s.*, and so he owed 20*s.*, which he afterwards paid.

Fermer excused the office of steward for a fine of 40*s.*

Thomas Teryngham was elected to the office of marshal, but at the instance of Master Brudenell, was excused from all offices for a fine of 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

PARLIAMENT held on 2 November, 3 Henry VIII., A.D. 1511, before ROBERT SHEFFILD, RICHARD LITILTON, WILLIAM RUDALL, THOMAS BABYNGTON, and others.

Pensions :—2*s.*

Governors :—Sir Robert Sheffild, knight, Blagge, baron of the Exchequer, and Richard Sutton.

Reader for Lent :—Hales.

Attendants on the reader :—Scott and Malett.

Treasurer :—Scott.

Auditors of the account of John Scott, for the past year :—Skyllyng, Stoughton, Baldwyn, and Shelley.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 November, before SIR ROBERT SHEFFILD, knight, WILLIAM RUDALL, and others.

Steward for Christmas:—Pownteney, and in default of him E. Brudenell, of old time discharged, and Bonham, T., was elected, and prayed to be respited this year till next year.

Marshal:—Thomas Denys, and in default T. Bonham, who was respited this year till next year.

Butler:—Rypon, who says he is pardoned, and he says truly.

Clerk of the kitchen:— ——

Masters of the revels:—White, Mores, Danvers, and Warde.

Cokeyn, who was elected to the office of steward, at the desire of T. Babyngton and J. Porte, governors, is discharged from the office for a fine of 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, which the same Babyngton and Porte promise to pay.

Muschamp pardoned all fines and amercements for 26*s.* 8*d.*, whereof he paid to John Scott 13*s.* 4*d.*, and he owes 13*s.* 4*d.*

Swaffild pardoned all fines and amercements for a fine of 36*s.* 8*d.*, whereof he paid to John Scott 20*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on 25 November, 3 Henry VIII., A.D. 1511, before SIR ROBERT SHEFFELD, knight, RICHARD SUTTON, and others.

Steward:—Brent, elected and undertook the office.

Marshal:—Forman, elected and undertook the office.

Butler:—Fantleroy, elected and undertook the office.

Clerk of the kitchen:—Massy, elected and undertook the office.

Masters of the revels:—Mores, Ward, White, and Danvers, R.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 May, 4 Henry VIII., A.D. 1512, before WILLIAM RODALL and others.

Pensions this term:—2*s.*

Reader:—Baldwin Mallet, elected for autumn reader.

Attendants on the reader:—Skyllyng and Morton.

Amercements for the vacation:—None.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 July, 4 Henry VIII., A.D. 1512, before RICHARD LYTELTON, WILLIAM RUDDALLE, and others.

Steward:—Thomas Bonham, elected for Christmas next, and agreed to execute the office.

Marshal:—Barnarston, elected and executed the office.

Butler:—Thymbylby, elected, and in default Anthony Tate.

Clerk of the kitchen:—Man, elected and executed the office.

Memorandum, that John Syllearde, who was elected steward at Christmas, 1510, and fined 10*li.* for making default, alleges that he is a younger son without inheritance, receiving an allowance from his mother. Therefore the governors and others have pardoned him the aforesaid amercement, except 40*s.*, which he paid to John Scott, treasurer.

PARLIAMENT held on All Souls' day, 4 Henry VIII., A.D. 1512, before RICHARD LYTELTON, RICHARD SUTTON, and others.

Pensions:—2*s.*

Reader for next Lent:—Scott.

Attendants on the reader:— ——

Treasurer:—Skyllyng, elected.

Auditors:—John Scott, late treasurer, Skyllyng, Stoffton, Babyngton, A., and Baldwyn.

Order that every constable marshal of the company from henceforth shall keep in Christmas time no more than three courts, that is to say, one on the night when the company of the Middle Inn comes to this Inn, another when this Inn goes to the Middle Inn, and the third at his pleasure. And if any such constable keeps any more courts than is aforesaid, that the costs and charges of such courts be at the expense of the said constable, and he be also amerced. *In English.*

PARLIAMENT held on 11 November, 4 Henry VIII., A.D. 1512, before SIR ROBERT SHEFFELD, knight, RICHARD SUTTON, RICHARD LITILTON, WILLIAM RUDHALE, THOMAS BABYNGTON, JOHN SALTER, JOHN SCOTTE, and others.

John Scotte, elected reader for Lent next, is for divers considerations discharged for a fine of 10*li.*

Rowland Morton elected reader for Lent.

Attendants on the reader:—Stoughton and Babyngton, A.

Thymbylby, elected butler for Christmas next, was on account of divers infirmities discharged from that office for this year, and in default of him there was elected Strangbow (?), who made default but was not amerced because he had not notice.

Masters of the revels for Christmas:—Prouse, Burdon, Fitzsymond, and Shyrlok.

Admissions:—Adams of "Clementes Inne"; Thomas Gifford of "Straunde Inne"; and Bartholomew Wyndeoute to the masters' commons.

Those amerced for the Autumn vacation, 1512:—Burdon, Whyghte (but he is pardoned because he was with his father at the time of his death), Shyrlok, Revell, and Danvers.

PARLIAMENT held on 20 December, 4 Henry VIII., A.D. 1512, before RICHARD SUTTON, JOHN SKYLLYNG, treasurer, WILLIAM SHELLEY, JOHN PAKYNGTON, and others.

John Pakyngton elected butler for Christmas, and he exercised the office. And all other officers for Christmas, were then appointed according to ancient custom.

Admission of Robert Sheffeld, son and heir apparent of Sir Robert Sheffeld, knight, then speaker of the great Parliament of England, to masters' commons. And he shall keep two vacations, namely, Christmas and Lent next, and be pardoned the other vacations. And he is assigned the chamber where his father lies, with all chambers therewith occupied.

PARLIAMENT held 10 February, 4 Henry VIII., A.D. 1513, before RICHARD SUTTON, RICHARD LITILTON, WILLIAM RUDHALE, ROBERT FULWODE, EDWARD HALES, and others.

Those amerced for Christmas last:—Moone (pardoned), Pigot (pardoned), and Crips.

Admission of John Crykelade of "Furnevales Inne", to the clerks' commons, at the instance of John Skyllyng.

Admission of George Lawson, at the instance of Rowland Morton, then reader, and he is pardoned all vacations and offices, and permitted to be out of commons for the fine of one cask of wine to be paid at Lent next, which he paid.

Admission of Francis Pawne, at the instance of John Skyllyng and Rowland Morton, and he is pardoned all vacations and offices, and permitted to be out of commons for a fine of 40*s.*, which he paid to John Skyllyng.

Admission of Mathew of "Barnardes Inne".

PARLIAMENT held on 27 April, 5 Henry VIII., A.D. 1513, before RICHARD SUTTON, ROBERT FULWOD, JOHN SCOTTE, and others.

Pensions:—2*s.*

Reader:—Anthony Babyngton.

Attendants on the reader:—Swyllyngton and Forman.

Welbek pardoned all his pensions in arrear, except 40*s.*

Memorandum, that in the first week of Easter term John Crykelade, who was at the clerks' commons, died within the Inn of the common infirmity,[1] as it is said, therefore every one is discharged from commons till the feast of the Ascension of Our Lord.

Those amerced for Lent vacation last:—Crips, Revell, Moone, Pigot, and Audeley.

[1] The plague.

PARLIAMENT held on 29 June, 5 Henry VIII., A.D. 1513, before RICHARD SUTTON, WILLIAM RUDHALE, ROBERT FULWODE, JOHN SALTER, and others.

Steward for Christmas :—Thomas Welles.
Marshal :—Thomas Denyes.
Butler :—Francis Moundefford.
Clerk of the kitchen :—Baker.

The amercement of 10*li.* upon John Scotte for a fine for Lent reading in 1513, reduced to 100*s.*, like Thomas Babyngton paid, as appears by the parliament held on 5 February, 1506.

Admission of Thomas Walshe, of the King's Exchequer and of "Davyes Inne", at the instance of William Rudhale and John Pakyngton. And he is pardoned all vacations and offices, and permitted to be out of commons, except that he shall keep two vacations at Christmas next and shall be marshal and butler. And he gives for a fine 20*s.*, which is paid to John Skyllyng, treasurer.

Admission of —— More, of the King's Exchequer, at the instance of Gilbert Stoughton, in the same form as that of Thomas Walshe.

Memorandum, that in the week of St. Bartholomew, John Hody, second butler, died within the Inn of the pestilence. And the great plague at that time was in London, therefore every one was discharged from commons at his pleasure.

PARLIAMENT held on 6 November, 5 Henry VIII., A.D. 1513, before SIR ROBERT SHEFFELD, knight, RICHARD SUTTON, WILLIAM RUDHALE, JOHN SCOTTE, JOHN PORT, and others.

Pensions :—2*s.*
Treasurer :—John Skyllyng, again elected.
Reader :—John Skyllyng.
Attendants on the reader :—Port and Swyllyngton.

Memorandum, that Richard Tregose was called to the masters' commons, and because, at the request of John Scott, then treasurer, he was in commons at Christmas, 1511, when he was not bound so to be,

it was agreed that the same should stand as a vacation when he should come to the masters' commons.

Order that on account of the plague (*plagam mortis*) the term be adjourned and parliament prorogued, and everyone discharged from commons till Hilary Term; also that the steward, chief butler, chief cook, and panierman (*panniar*[9]) attend the house, being allowed by the week, 4*s*.

Those amerced for the Autumn vacation:—Moone, Crips, Mathewe, Audeley, Pette, Gifford, Coope, Tregoos, Chaumpeneyd, and Chydlegh, not amerced on account of the plague, and it is allowed to them as a vacation.

PARLIAMENT held on 29 January, 5 Henry VIII., A.D. 1513-14, before RICHARD SUTTON, WILLIAM RUDHALE, THOMAS BABYNGTON, JOHN SALTER, ROBERT FULWOD, and others.

Admission of John Brougham, son and heir of Sir Robert Brougham, at the instance of Robert Brudenell, and he is pardoned all vacations and offices, and permitted to be out of commons, for a fine of 40*s*., and for wine given last autumn in the time of the reading of Anthony Babyngton.

Admission of Robert Brougham, brother of the same John, to the clerks' commons.

Admission of Giles Polmere of "Cliffordes Inne", at the instance of William Shelley and Richard Wye, to the clerks' commons, and he has licence to be there for three years, and to keep his Christmas vacations at the clerks' commons. And shall be discharged from all vacations at Christmas time, when he comes to masters' commons, if he keep them before.

Admission of Baldwin Porter of "Newe Inne", at the instance of William Shelley, to the clerks' commons for three years, and he is pardoned the offices of master of the revels and clerk of the kitchen. And he shall keep two vacations while he is in the clerks' commons, and it shall stand to him for a vacation, when he comes to the masters' commons.

Admission of Richard Page of "Cliffordes Inne", at the instance of William Shelley, and he is pardoned all vacations and offices,

and permitted to be out of commons for a fine of 53*s.* 4*d.*, paid for wine in the time of the reading of John Skyllyng at Lent, 5 Henry VIII.

Richard Pigot amerced for the Christmas vacation, 1512, and pardoned for the Lent and Autumn vacations following for a fine of 10*li.*, paid to John Skyllyng, treasurer, and it is permitted him to keep six vacations, namely, five at next vacation, at the time of the reading, and one at Christmas.

Edward Moone pardoned in like manner.

PARLIAMENT held on 12 May, 6 Henry VIII., A.D. 1514, before RICHARD SUTTON, WILLIAM RUDHALE, ROBERT FULWOD, and others.

Pensions :—2*s.*

Reader :—Swyllyngton.

Attendants :—Baldwynd and Brokysby.

Admission of William Verney to the clerks' commons.

Admission of William Molyns from the clerks' commons to the masters' commons, and he is pardoned all vacations and offices, except the office of steward, for a fine of 40*s.* paid to John Skyllyng.

W. Lovell amerced 5*li.* 8*s.* for vacations; and because he has a small exhibition, and has seven children and his father alive, he is pardoned the said amercement for 20*s.*, which he paid to John Skyllyng.

PARLIAMENT held on 4 July, 6 Henry VIII., A.D. 1514, before RICHARD SUTTON, WILLIAM RUDHALE, JOHN SALTER, and others.

Admission of Mullisworth of "Clementes Inne", at the instance of Robert Butteler, to the clerks' commons.

Admission of Barnald Blagge, son and heir of —— Blagge, one of the barons of the King's Exchequer, to the clerks' commons.

Admission of Roger Wygston, at the instance of Ralph Swyllyngton, to the masters' commons, and he is pardoned all vacations and offices, and permitted to be out of commons for a fine of 40*s.*, to be paid to the same Ralph for part of the wine for next autumn.

Admission of Robert Broune, at the instance of John Port and Ralph Swyllyngton, to the masters' commons, and he is pardoned as before for a fine of 40*s.*, whereof he paid to Ralph Swyllyngton 13*s.* 4*d.* for the rest of the wine for autumn, because there was paid for wine 53*s.* 4*d.*; and the balance of the fine, namely, 26*s.* 8*d.*, was paid to John Skyllyng.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 October, 6 Henry VIII., A.D. 1514, before RICHARD SUTTON, RICHARD LITELTON, WILLIAM RUDHALE, EDWARD HALES, and others.

Admission of Thomas Denny of "Straund Inne"; —— Rede of "Newe Inne", at the instance of Robert Brudenell; —— Onely of "Newe Inne", at the instance of W. Shelley; and William —— of "Davys Inne", at the instance of Baker.

Lovel, knight, pardoned the arrears of all pensions for 20*s.*

Bonham, J., pardoned all amercements for vacations and all offices for a fine of 5 marks.

William Rudhale, who was amerced 13*s.* 4*d.* for [not] attending vacation, paid to John Skyllyng 6*s.* 8*d.*, and was pardoned the rest.

Those amerced for last Autumn vacation :—Crips, Mathew, the younger, Cotton, Hedge, Gifford, Tregoose, Coope, Moone, Pette, Audeley, and Pigot. They are pardoned on account of the plague, and are allowed to reckon the same as a vacation.

John Predith is pardoned the arrears of all his pensions on account of his poverty, for a fine of 10*s.*, by the pledge of Robert Wye, to be paid to John Skyllyng.

PARLIAMENT held on All Souls' day, 6 Henry VIII., A.D. 1514, before SIR ROBERT SHEFFELD, knight, RICHARD SUTTON, WILLIAM RUDHALE, EDWARD HALES, JOHN SCOTTE, and others.

Pensions :—2*s.*

Governors :—Sheffeld, R., knight, Hales, and Scotte.

Reader :—Porte.

Attendant on the reader :—Bromley and Farman.

Treasurer :—Porte.

Steward for Christmas :—Thomas Welles.

Marshal :—Thomas Denyes.

Butler :—Moundefford (he made a fine for all offices, as appears hereafter).

Clerk of the kitchen :—Baker.

Masters of the revels :—Verney, Rede, and B (*sic*).

Auditors :—Baldwin Malet, Anthony Babyngton, John Pakyngton, and Richard Wye.

PARLIAMENT held on 19 November, 6 Henry VIII., A.D. 1514, before SIR ROBERT SHEFFELD, knight, WILLIAM RUDHALL, THOMAS BABYNGTON, and others.

Steward :—Edward Hawte, in default of Thomas Wellys, who is amerced 10*li.* according to ancient custom.

Unfinished entry as to Sir Thomas Denys, who was elected marshal.

Marshal :—Shyrwode.

Butler :—Latton, in the place of Francis Moundeford. And the treasurer to have power to treat with the same Francis till next parliament for his fine for all offices, except the office of reader.

Masters of the revels :—Pygott, Reede, Blagge, and Denny.

Order for Robert Brudenell and John Pakyngton to search all the books of special admissions to ascertain who have made fines for the charges of the house, that they may make a book showing who are liable and who discharged.

It is found that John Skyllyng, late treasurer, was in arrear upon his account 19*li.* 13*s.* 7*d.*, whereof he paid 10*li.* in gold, which remain in the treasury chest, and he owes 9*li.* 13*s.* 7*d.*

Admission of Knyghtley to the clerks' commons.

PARLIAMENT held on 4 February, 6 Henry VIII., A.D. 1514-15, before RICHARD LYTTYLTON, ROBERT FULWODE, JOHN SALTER, and others.

Edward Hawt elected steward, but he did not come to exercise that office.

Sir Thomas Denys, who was elected marshal, did not come to exercise that office, therefore he was amerced, but afterwards because he was a knight and for other considerations, he was pardoned all offices and amercements for a fine of 26*s.* 8*d.*

Shyrwode, elected marshal in default of the said Sir Thomas Denys, came on the vigil of Christmas, but before that Pakyngton was elected to the same office and exercised it, therefore he was discharged for a fine of 100*s.*, afterwards he was marshal and was pardoned.

Francis Moundeford discharged from all offices, except the office of reader, for a fine of 4*li.*, whereof he paid 40*s.*

Admission of Thomas Sydnam of "Lyons Inne," and he is discharged from all vacations at Christmas, but shall keep the other vacations, and he is likewise discharged from all offices, except the offices of marshal and steward, and gives for a fine 10*s.*

Those amerced for Christmas vacation last past:—Mone, Androys, Cryps, Coope, Chydlygh (afterwards pardoned for 3*s.* 4*d.*), Mathewe, Verney, Pygott, Barons, Cotton, Audeley, and Pette.

Admission of Hartwell, G., to the clerks' commons.

Admission of Hare to the clerks' commons.

PARLIAMENT held on the feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross, 7 Henry VIII., A.D. 1515, before WILLIAM RUDHALE, JOHN HALYS, NICHOLAS TYCHBORNE, and others.

Reader:—Forman.

Attendants on the reader:—Tychborne and Brokesby.

Those amerced for Lent vacation last past:—Verney, Androys, Coton, and Reede.

Bromley, because he did not attend upon the reader in Lent, 6 Henry VIII., fined 13*s.* 4*d.*

Admission of Wyes, and he is pardoned all offices except that of marshall, and all vacations except three, and those he shall keep within two years next to come, for a fine of 20*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on 22 June, 7 Henry VIII., A.D. 1515, before RICHARD SUTTON, WILLIAM RUDHALL, JOHN SKYLLYNG, and others.

Steward:—Mathew. (It is said he is discharged. Memorandum to speak with him and with Denton.)

Marshall:—Denton.

Butler:—Champneys. (Discharged this time.)

Clerk of the Kitchen:—Knyghtley.

Chydley pardoned for the Christmas vacation last past for a fine of 3*s.* 4*d.*, because he was with his father at the time of his death, and he shall keep the vacation at Christmas next to come.

Licence to John Porte to be out of commons at his pleasure.

Admission of John Croke, and he is pardoned all vacations and offices for 30*s.*, for part of the wine in Lent vacation.

Admission of Felton, G., to the clerks' commons.

Admission of Westcote to the clerks' commons.

PARLIAMENT held on the feast of the Commemoration of All Souls, 7 Henry VIII., A.D. 1515, before WILLIAM RUDALL, THOMAS BABYNGTON, EDWARD HALYS, and others.

Pensions:—2*s.*

Forman, who was elected reader last autumn, and did not read on account of his infection, being sick of the plague, now certifies by letter that he is ill of such sickness, and unable to study, therefore he is discharged for a fine of 100*s.*

Reader:—George Bromeley, and if he refuse, Nicholas Tychborn.

Attendants on the reader:—Snede and Baldwyn.

Treasurer:—Porte.

Steward:—Chambyr.

Marshal:—Shyrwode, and in default of him Shelley.

Butler:—Revell.

Clerk of the kitchen:—Knyghtley.

Masters of the revels:—Only, Daunce, Coope, and Martyne.

Auditors:—Skyllyng, Mallet, Baldwyn, and Massey.

Hawte begs to be discharged from all offices, commons and other charges, except pensions, and offers for a fine 5 marks, one pipe of wine, and 20*s*., and it is granted to him.

Admission of Brudenell, T., to the clerks' commons.

Admission of Hals, W., and he is pardoned all offices and vacations for 20*s*.

Brudenell, R., discharged from all offices for 26*s*. 8*d*., whereof he paid to Master Port, treasurer, 13*s*. 4*d*., and he is pardoned the remainder.

Adams pardoned the Christmas vacation for 20*s*.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 November, 7 Henry VIII., A.D. 1515, before WILLIAM RUDHALL, EDWARD HALYS, NICHOLAS TYCHBORNE, and others.

Draycotes pardoned all offices and vacations for a fine of 40*s*.

Eyr for the like, 40*s*.

Blacknall owes the society 30*s*., and for discharge of the same and all other charges, except pensions, he gives for a fine 4 marks.

Memorandum by the treasurer, that he has received from Francis Moundeford, for his discharge from all offices except that of reader, 40*s*., beyond 40*s*. received by Robert Brudenell.

George Bromley, elected reader in Lent, certified the treasurer that he was unwilling and unable to exercise the office, therefore he was amerced according to custom 10*li*.

General admission of Henry Lucas.

Admission of William Browne of London, and he is discharged from all commons at his pleasure, and has liberty to keep vacations (the mean vacations excepted) in three years, from which mean vacations he is discharged. And he gives for a fine 40*s*. And he is admitted to the chamber near the door of the hall (*hostium alle*) with Massye.

Frenche discharged from all offices for a fine of 26*s*. 8*d*.

Richard Vernon, esquire, discharged from all offices, vacations, and pensions, now in arrear, for a fine of 100*s*., which he paid.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 February, 7 Henry VIII., A.D. 1515-16, before WILLIAM RUDHALL, JOHN SALTER, JOHN SKYLLYNG, and others.

It was agreed that Thomas (*sic*) be discharged from all offices for a fine of 40*s.*

Admission of John Rudhale, son of William Rudhale, to the masters' commons, and the said William Rudhale and Robert Wye are his pledges.

The same John Rudhale assigned a chamber next the fig tree with the aforesaid William, his father.

Ryppon discharged from all offices, vacations, and fines, except pensions and amercements, for a fine of 40*s.*

Admission of Peter Newton, esquire, and he is pardoned all offices and vacations, and permitted to be out of commons at his pleasure for a fine of 26*s.* 8*d.*, which he paid to John Port, treasurer, by the hands of John Pakyngton.

Admission of John Rolf, and he is pardoned all offices, etc., as above, for a fine of 30*s.*, which he paid to Master Tycheborn, reader, for wine at the time of his reading.

General admission of Arthur Newton.

General admission of Fyldyng.

J. Colome admitted in the time of Master Skot, treasurer, pardoned all vacations for a fine of 26*s.* 8*d.*

Those amerced for Christmas vacation last past :—Rede, Verney, Andrewes, Pette, Coton, Mone, and Audeley.

PARLIAMENT held on 24 April, 8 Henry VIII., A.D. 1516, before WILLIAM RUDHALL, JOHN SKYLLYNG, NICHOLAS TYCHBOURNE, and others.

Pensions :—2*s.*

Reader :—Baldewyne.

Attendants on the reader :—Stoghton and Broxby.

Snede amerced for not attending upon the reader, Tychbourne, in the last vacation, according to ancient custom.

Bromley discharged from the amercement of 10*li.* assessed upon

him for not exercising the office of reader in the last vacation. And he is discharged from all other fines or amercements heretofore forfeited by him, for a fine of 100*s*.

Those amerced for the last vacation :—Blagge, Andrewes, Rede, Coton, and Hegge.

PARLIAMENT held on 30 June, 8 Henry VIII., A.D. 1516, before ROBERT FULWOODE, JOHN SCOTT, JOHN SKYLLYNG, and BALDEWIN MALETT.

Steward for Christmas :—Barrett.

Marshal :—Pulteney, and in default of him, Germyn.

Butler :—Champneys.

Clerk of the kitchen :—Ward.

Fyssher exercised the office of steward.

Thomas Conyngesby discharged from all past amercements, pensions, and offices, except the office of steward, for a fine of 5 marks.

PARLIAMENT held on the feast of the Commemoration of All Souls, 8 Henry VIII., A.D. 1516, before RICHARD LITILTON, RICHARD SUTTON, WILLIAM RUDHALL, and THOMAS BABBYNGTON.

R. Snede discharged from the office of reader for divers reasonable causes, as appears by a letter from the said Richard Snede to the treasurer.

Pensions :—2*s*.

Reader :—Broxby.

Attendants on the reader :—Moreton and Shelley.

Treasurer :—Porte.

Steward :—Farmer. He was pardoned in the time of Scote.

Marshal :—Pulteney or Mustean, and Waller.

Butler :—Champnes.

Clerk of the kitchen :—Ward.

Masters of the revels :—Newton, Martyn, and Barret.

Auditors :—Malette, A. Babyngton, Packyngton, and Richard Wye.

Those amerced for the autumn vacation :—Rede, Onley, Wescoyt, Port, Polyver, Adams, Horde, the younger, pardoned because he had licence from the reader and others of the bench, Barette, Martyn, the elder, and Rudhall, the younger.

PARLIAMENT held on Tuesday the feast of St. Katherine, 8 Henry VIII., A.D. 1516, before WILLIAM RUDHALL, THOMAS BABBYNGTON, JOHN SALTER, JOHN SCOTT, and others.

Mascy elected to the office of steward in the place of Barret. And he was pardoned for a fine of 40*d.*

Reed, who was amerced 40*s.* for his absence during the Christmas and autumn vacations last, pardoned for a fine of 13*s.* 4*d.* in money (*in peciis*), and he shall keep the next Christmas vacation.

Snede pardoned the office of reader in the time of Lent for a fine of 100*s.*

Admission of Frank of the King's Exchequer, and he is pardoned all offices except the office of marshal, and all vacations, and has licence to be out of commons for a fine of 26*s.* 8*d.*, which he paid to J. Pakenton.

Denton discharged from all amercements and pensions past, and has licence to be out of commons at his pleasure. And he is pardoned all offices and all things, except the pensions hereafter accruing, for a fine of 50*s.*, which he paid to the treasurer.

Admission of William Goldynge of "Davyds Ine," and he is discharged from vacations and all offices, except clerk of the kitchen and butler at Christmas, for a fine of 4 marks, whereof he paid 40*s.*

Andrewes discharged from all vacation fines as well past as to come, for a fine of 60*s.*, whereof he paid to John Porte, treasurer, 20*s.*, and the remaining 40*s.* he shall pay the next Trinity term under a penalty. And he paid the same to John Porte, treasurer.

Champnes, who prosecuted a plaint in London against Andrewes, a member of the society, without licence of the governors, for his amercement for this default puts himself upon the mercy of the society. Let it be inquired whether Andrewes was in any wise in default.

PARLIAMENT held on Friday, 5 February, 8 Henry VIII., A.D. 1516-17, before SIR ROBERT SHEFFILD, knight, RICHARD SUTTON, WILLIAM RUDHALLE, EDWARD HALYS, and others.

Sir William Gresley, knight, pardoned all offices, amercements, and pensions past, for a fine of 4 marks, which he paid to the treasurer.

Barrett amerced the ancient fine, namely 10*li.*, for not exercising the office of steward at Christmas last.

Order that Symondson, who was elected one of the masters of the revels at Christmas and did not exercise the office, shall pay his proportion to his three fellow masters of the revels, and 16*s.* to the steward for his commons.

Order that Mustian, who was steward at Christmas, be pardoned the fine of 13*s.* 4*d.* owing from him for his fine on being discharged from the office of butler, because he well and honestly exercised the office of steward, and had great expense and cost attending it.

PARLIAMENT held on Wednesday, 11 February, 8 Henry VIII., A.D. 1516-17, before SIR ROBERT SHEFFILD, knight, RICHARD SUTTON, WILLIAM RUDHALL, JOHN SALTER, JOHN SCOTTE, and others.

Order that Mascy, Baker, and Wye, the younger, be called to the bench at the next vacation, in order of their seniority and their admission into the society.

PARLIAMENT held on Thursday, 6 May, 9 Henry VIII., A.D. 1517.

Pensions :—2*s.*

Reader :—Shelley.

Amercements for Lent vacation :—Adams and Polyveyr, each for four weeks, 6*s.* 8*d.*

Butteler discharged from all vacations past and to come, except in the time of reading, for a fine of 26*s.* 8*d.*

Admission of Humphrey Bowland, of the King's Exchequer

and of "Straund Inne," at the instance of John Porte and Rowland Babyngton, and he is pardoned all vacations, except that he shall keep two Christmas vacations within three years, for a fine of 26*s.* 8*d.*, which he paid to the treasurer.

Admittance of Thomas Denny with John Chapnes, one of the secondaries of London [to a chamber] in the Outer Temple where Chedley lately lay.

Tyndale discharged from all vacations, offices, charges, and pensions past, for a fine of 4 marks, which he paid to John Porte, treasurer, by the hands of Master Monford.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 June, 9 Henry VIII., A.D. 1517, before RICHARD SUTTON, W. RUDHALL, EDWARD HALYS, NICHOLAS TICHBOURNE, and others.

Steward :— ——

Marshal :—Vivion.

Butler :—Wyndoute.

Clerk of the kitchen :—White.

Admission of Baset, at the instance of Thomas Broxseby, reader, for Lent, 1517, and he is discharged from all offices and vacations for a fine of 30*s.*, which he paid to the same Thomas, then reader, to buy wine in vacation time.

Humphrey Fildyng assigned a chamber in the cloister next the stair of the hall (*stere aule*).

Thomas Newton assigned the chamber of J. Hassall in the Outer (*ulteriori*) Temple in the "Bastell," saving the right of everyone.

Thomas Prestall assigned a chamber where Littilton lay.

The term of St. Michael, 9 Henry VIII., A.D. 1517, was adjourned from the octaves of St. Michael to the morrow of All Souls, and from the morrow of All Souls to the octaves of St. Hilary, by advice of the King's council then being at Westminster, on account of the great plague.

PARLIAMENT held on Friday, 6 October, 9 Henry VIII., A.D. 1517, before RICHARD SUTTON, W. RUDHALL, JOHN SKYLLYNG, WILLIAM SHELLEY, and others.

Pensions :—2*s.*

Governors :—Richard Sutton, Rudhall, and Skyllyng.

Reader :—Shelley, who ought to have read in the Autumn vacation last paid, but did not on account of the great plague of the sweating sickness (*egretudinis sudoris*).

Attendants :—Moreton and Conyngesby.

Treasurer :—Tichebourne.

The steward and all other officers elected for Christmas were discharged from their offices for the above reason.

And likewise all those of the society who ought to keep the Christmas vacation.

Order that any member who wished to continue in commons for Christmas, and from the term of St. Michael to the term of St. Hilary, according to ancient custom, shall be quit from that vacation and discharged.

PARLIAMENT held in the time of NICHOLAS TICHBOURNE, treasurer, on Thursday, 11 February, 9 Henry VIII., A.D. 1517-18, before RICHARD SUTTON, WILLIAM REDALL, JOHN SALTER, EDWARD HALIS, JOHN SKYLLYNG, JOHN PORT, and others.

At this parliament John Port, treasurer for the three preceding years, declared his account, and he owes the society for the said years 31*li.* 12*s.* 3*d.*, as appears by his account in the book of accounts, whereof he paid 20*li.* in gold in the presence of Richard Sutton, William Redal, John Skyllyng, Nicholas Tycheborne, and Henry White, and he owes 11*li.* 12*s.* 3*d.*

Admission of Edward Litilton, at the instance of John Port and Christopher Westcot, and he is pardoned all offices, and has licence to be in commons at his pleasure. And he is assigned the chamber where his father lay with a certain inner chamber to the same chamber pertaining, for a fine of 30*s.*, to be paid whensoever it shall

be asked. And he afterwards paid the same to N. Tycheborne, treasurer, as appears.

Admission of James Skynner, at the instance of John Scoott, and he is pardoned all offices and Christmas vacations, on condition that he keep three Lent vacations, and three autumn vacations, and three upon the bench, if he should be called to the bench, and if he retire out of commons after the reading or before the reading of any of the aforesaid vacations, he shall not be amerced for his absence if he reside out of the town, but if not, that he be in commons.

Admission of John Hunteley, and he is pardoned all offices, and has licence to be out of commons at his pleasure for 20*s.*, which he paid to Henry White, pensioner.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 April, 10 Henry VIII., A.D. 1518, before RICHARD SUTTON, WILLIAM REDALL, JOHN SKYLYNG, RALPH SWYLYNGTON, WILLIAM CONYNGISBY, and others.

Pensions :—2*s.*

Reader :—William Conyngisby.

Those amerced for vacations :—Brudenell, T., pardoned on condition that he keep next Lent vacation, Newton the younger, Butler, Cullun, Symondson, Awnsham, and White, the younger.

Order that those who have doors out of their houses into the garden, be warned to close those doors, so that they do not go out by them to the said garden.

PARLIAMENT held on 2 July, 10 Henry VIII., A.D. 1518, before RICHARD SUTTON, WILLIAM REDALL, JOHN SKYLYNG, WILLIAM CONYNGISBY, WYE, and others.

Steward :—Lane.

Marshal :—Vivion.

Butler :—Whyndhout.

Clerk of the kitchen :—White, *crossed out.*

Memorandum, that on 27 October, 1518, Christopher Westcot paid to Nicholas Tycheborne, treasurer, for the fine of Edward Litilton, on his admission, 30*s.*

Memorandum, that on 29 October, 1518, John Pakyngton was assigned by Nicholas Tycheborne, treasurer, the chamber where Sir Robert Sheffeld, knight, deceased, lately lay. To hold the said chamber with the chambers annexed, except that chamber which the said Robert used as his kitchen.

On the same day the aforesaid Nicholas assigned to Thomas Perpoynt the chamber where the said John Pakyngton formerly lay, to wit, the chamber at the door of the hall.

Admission of Richard Fermer, at the instance of William Conisby, and he is pardoned all vacations and offices, and has licence to be out of commons for a fine of 30*s*. And he paid for wine in the time of the reading of the said William, and therefore he is pardoned the said 30*s*.

PARLIAMENT held on the day of the Commemoration of All Souls, 10 Henry VIII., A.D. 1518, before RICHARD SUTTON, WILLIAM REDALL, JOHN SALTER, JOHN SKYLLYNG, JOHN PORT, BALDWIN MALET, WILLIAM CONYSBY, and others.

Pensions :—2*s*.

Reader for Lent :—Malet.

Attendants on the reader :—Mounford and Morton.

Treasurer :—Tycheborne, again elected.

Steward :—Danvers.

Marshal :—Henry White.

Butler :—Whyndhout.

Clerk of the kitchen :—Mores.

Auditors to hear the account of Nicholas Tycheborne, treasurer, for the year last past :—Baldwyne, Conysby, Mores, and Latton.

Masters of the revels :—Lucas, Talbot, Plonket, Cruge.

Those amerced for not keeping vacation :—Newton, Brudenell, the younger (pardoned on condition that he keep another vacation), Adams, Cullun, Butteler, Martynne, R., Symonson (nothing because he had moved out of the society), and White, the younger.

For the mean vacation :—Lucas, Fleyer, Bromley (pardoned) and Lodlow.

PARLIAMENT held on 14 November, 10 Henry VIII., A.D. 1518, before WILLIAM REDALL, JOHN SALTER, JOHN PORTE, JOHN SKYLLYNG, and others.

"At this parliament instans was made to have discharged Master Danvers of the offece of stuardschipe, and hit was agreed that he shold not be discharged."

Admission of William Lathom to the clerks' commons, at the instance of Thomas Bonham, according to the general rule of this society.

It was agreed that Nicholas Hare ought to be pardoned next Christmas vacation for a fine of 20*s*., which he paid by the hands of Henry White.

Also that Edward Lodlowe ought to be discharged from serving the office of master of the revels and from all vacations, for a fine of 40*s*.

Order for Vevyan, the elder, to be discharged from his debt of 30*s*. for pensions, for 20*s*.

It was ordered that Master Wye and I [1] should communicate with the treasurer of the Middle Temple for the repair of a latrine in "le Utter Inne," which is a nuisance to our members there.

Memorandum, that on 26 November, 1518, John Chapman and John Perkyn were assigned by Nicholas Tycheborne, treasurer, the third upper chamber in "le Lane Syde," where Revell and Hegge lately lay.

PARLIAMENT held on 30 January, 10 Henry VIII., A.D. 1518-19, before RICHARD SUTTON, WILLIAM RUDALL, JOHN SKYLLYNG, ANTHONY BABYNGTON, BROKESBY, and others.

Thomas Danvers, the elder, who was elected steward for Christmas last, did not exercise the office, but made default, therefore he is amerced by consideration of the whole parliament, 10*li*.

Amercements for Christmas vacation :—Fleyer, Hare (pardoned),

[1] I, that is, the treasurer, under whose supervision the entries in the volumes of Acts of Parliament were made.

White, the younger, Cullun Baynam, Butteler, Ludlowe (pardoned), and Newton the younger, each of them 40*s.*

Order for a roll to be made containing the names of the members of the society, in order that from them may be raised 70*s.* for new organs in the church, for the part of the Inner Temple.

It was agreed that Master Sutton and other elders ought to communicate with the master of the Temple for a clock that should strike every hour as was accustomed, and that masses in vacation time may be said as in term time.

Memorandum, that on 26 February, 1518-19, John Norton was admitted by the members of the Inner Temple, who were in commons at Christmas, and they discharged him from all offices, except the office of marshal, and gave him licence to be in commons at his pleasure for a fine of 30*s.*, which he paid to Nicholas Tycheborne, treasurer.

Admission of Arthur Wellisborne to the clerks' commons at the instance of John Cheyny, generally, without any special admission.

Memorandum, that whereas Master Fleer, who was amerced 40*s.* for not keeping Christmas vacation, says that one died in his house of the plague a little before the said feast, on account of which he would not presume to come into the society during that vacation, and because Master Chedley testified to the truth of his words, his amercement is remitted to 26*s.* 8*d.*, which he paid to Nicholas Tycheborne, treasurer.

Memorandum, that James Yate was admitted on 26 February, 1518-19, by Baldwin Malet, reader, and the members then in commons, and with the assent of Nicholas Tycheborne, treasurer, for a fine of 4 marks, which he paid for one pipe of wine, and he was discharged from serving all offices, and had licence to be in commons at his pleasure.

—— Eldersham assigned the second lower chamber in "le Lane Syde" by the treasurer, and John Rolf assigned the same chamber by the said treasurer.

Memorandum, that on 10 August, 1519, William Hyde was admitted at the instance of Henry White, and he was pardoned all offices and vacations, and had licence to be in commons and out of commons at his pleasure for a fine of 30*s.*, which he paid to the said Henry White.

PARLIAMENT held on 19 May, 11 Henry VIII., A.D. 1519, before RICHARD SUTTON, WILLIAM REDALL, JOHN SKYLLYNG, ANTHONY BABYNGTON, WILLIAM BROKESBY, and others.

Pensions :—2*s.*

Reader for autumn time :—Mounford.

Those amerced for vacation :—White, the younger, Brugge, and Fler.

It was agreed that whereas the pewterer exhibited his bill for 8*s.* 9*d.*, which he claimed for dishes lost at Christmas last, that the steward for the said feast and the cook ought to pay for the dishes aforesaid.

It was agreed that Laurence Wadham should pay to the society 6*s.* 8*d.*, because he did not behave himself properly towards Master Sutton, the chief (*supremum*) governor of the Inner Temple.

Memorandum, that on 25 May, 1519, Robert Butteler paid to Nicholas Tycheborne, treasurer, for a fine for all his vacations, except in the time of reading, 26*s.* 8*d.*, and he owes for two vacations in the time of reading 40*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on 31 May, 11 Henry VIII., A.D. 1519, before RICHARD SUTTON, WILLIAM REDALL, ROBERT FULWOD, JOHN SKYLLYNG, BALDWIN MALET, THOMAS BROKESBY, and others.

Order that Wyddon be amerced 6*s.* 8*d.* because he took upon himself to moot for Perkyns at a moot day in this Easter term and made default, whereby the moot was not held.

Order that Widdon and Brumley, the younger, be sent out of commons because they evilly behaved themselves towards Master Sutton,[1] the chief governor, at the time of the last vacation.

It is agreed by the governors and other members that Richard Ogle may be in or out of commons at his pleasure, for the space of two years next following, although he be within the City of London.

Memorandum, that on 6 July, 1519, Richard Tracy was admitted

[1] In the margin is "Sutton, repairer of the Temple Church."

at the instance of Henry White, and he was pardoned all Christmas vacations and excused from serving the office of master of the revels, for a fine of 20*s*., which he paid to Nicholas Tycheborne, treasurer.

Also on 6 July, George Vyncent and John Barnaby were admitted to the clerks' commons.

"Thomas Bromele permitte et graunte all compeney de le Inner Tempell de paier mes commons et auteres duetes en le dit Tempell, et de etre goveryn et redresse par les governers et par le dit compeney, et de obaier et performer totes maners ordnaunces de le compeney de le dit Tempell, sur payne detre oust a tous jourz. Pleg, John Whiddon, Thomas Newton."

Similar undertaking by John Whiddon to pay his commons and other dues, to be governed by the governors and society, and to obey their ordinances, upon pain of expulsion. Pledges, Henry White and Thomas Bromele. *French.*

PARLIAMENT held on 17 July, 11 Henry VIII., A.D. 1519, before WILLIAM RUDHALL, JOHN SKYLLYING, WILLIAM SCHELLEY, FRANCIS MOUNFORD, and others.

Officers elected for Christmas next :—

Steward :—Danvers.

Marshal :—Horde, the elder.

Butler :—Rowland Babyngton.

Clerk of the kitchen :—Audeley.

Admission of Thomas Thursby at the instance of Francis Mounford, reader for next autumn, to give wine (*ad dandum vinum*) to the same reader for the society in the time of reading, in consideration of which he is discharged from all offices and vacations, and from being in commons, at his pleasure.

Admission of Nicholas Mimmes of the King's Exchequer at the instance of Francis Mounford, and he is discharged from all offices, except the office of steward, and from all vacations, and has licence to be in commons at his pleasure, for a fine of 26*s*. 8*d*.

It is agreed that whereas Robert Boteler is amerced for two vacations, he shall be discharged from the amercement of 40*s*. if he keep the two next vacations at the time of reading.

Memorandum, that on 6 July, 1519, Sir John Babyngton, knight of the order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, preceptor of Yeveley and Barowe, in the county of Derby, was admitted at the instance of Anthony Babyngton, and he was pardoned all offices and vacations and had licence to be in commons at his pleasure, for a fine of 40*s*., which he paid to Nicholas Tycheborne, treasurer.

Memorandum, that the said Sir John Babyngton, knight, was assigned by the treasurer the chamber where Anthony Babyngton lies, and where the father of the same John and Anthony lay.

Memorandum, that on 8 July, 1519, Baldwin Porter and James Scynner were assigned by the treasurer the topmost chamber (*suprema camera*) in "Barentyne," where Brokesby and Rede lately lay.

PARLIAMENT held on the feast of the Commemoration of All Souls, 11 Henry VIII., A.D. 1519, before RICHARD SUTTON, WILLIAM RUDDALL, JOHN SKYLLYNG, JOHN PORTT, BALDWIN MALET, ANTHONY BABYNGTON, RALPH SWYLYNGTON, THOMAS BROKESBY, JOHN BALDEWYN, and others.

Pension :—2*s*.

Reader for Lent :—Pakyngton.

Attendants on the reader :—Masse and Baker.

Treasurer :—Malet.

Auditors for Nicholas Tycheborne, the last treasurer :—Anthony Babyngton, Wye, Mores, and Audeley.

Officers elected for Christmas :—

Steward :—Danvers.

Marshal :—Horde, the elder.

Butler :—Browne.

Clerk of the kitchen :—Audeley.

Masters of the revels :—White, the younger, Dacres, Lathom, and Perpoynt. *The last two names are crossed through.*

Order that the brewers, who supply the society with ale, be not amerced at Christmas more than 10*s*. for Christmas next to come.

Order that the baker, who serves the society with bread, be not amerced next Christmas more than 20*s*.

Admission of William Barkeley of "Clementes Inne" to the clerks' commons at the instance of Thomas Brokesby.

Wellysborne amerced for the whole autumn vacation last past, 20*s.*

Memorandum, that on 1 August, 1519, Thomas Polstede was admitted to the clerks' commons by Francis Mounford, then reader, and others of the bench, then being there. And he was pardoned all Christmas vacations and had licence to be at the clerks' commons for as long as he pleased for a fine of 20*s.*, which he paid to Nicholas Tycheborne, then treasurer.

PARLIAMENT held on 13 November, 11 Henry VIII., A.D. 1519, before WILLIAM RUDDALL, JOHN SALTER, JOHN SKYLLYNG, JOHN PORT, NICHOLAS TYCHEBORNE, ANTHONY BABYNGTON, RALPH SWYLLYNGTON, and THOMAS BROKYSBY.

Horde, the elder, discharged from serving the office of marshal at Christmas next, because he was before pardoned all offices. And Richard Danvers is elected to the same office.

Rowland Babyngton pardoned for this year the office of butler, on condition that he serve that office or the office of marshal next year.

Warde elected butler.

Lathom and Perpoynt discharged, by the assent of the society, from serving the office of master of the revels.

Prestall and Trasy elected in their places.

PARLIAMENT held on 16 November, 11 Henry VIII., A.D. 1519, before RICHARD SUTTON, WILLIAM RUDDALL, JOHN SALTER, NICHOLAS TYCHEBORNE, RALPH SWYLLYNGTON, and FRANCIS MONFORD.

Memorandum, that Nicholas Tycheborne, the last treasurer, by command of the society delivered to Baldwin Malet, now treasurer, 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, for rents due to the house.

Also the same Nicholas delivered 12*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* in gold, and 2*d.* in silver, to the governors, which he clearly owed to the society upon his account, which was put in the chest by the governors.

Nicholas Hare pardoned his vacation for Christmas next to come for a fine of 20*s.*, which he paid to the treasurer.[1]

PARLIAMENT held on 22 November, 11 Henry VIII., A.D. 1519, before WILLIAM RUDDALL, JOHN SALTER, JOHN SKYLLYNG, NICHOLAS TYCHEBORNE, THOMAS BROKYSBY, and FRANCIS MOMFORD.

Memorandum, that Nicholas Tycheborne, the last treasurer, delivered his account fully completed to the governors of the society, who put it in the chest.

Licence to Laurence Wadham to be in commons at his pleasure, except during the week of the Purification of the Blessed Mary and that of All Saints, for a fine of 40*s.*, which he paid.

Admission of John Boskawyn, and for a fine of 40*s.* he is pardoned all offices and vacations, whereof he paid to the treasurer 20*s.*

Memorandum, that on 21 December, 1519, Butler of Ireland (*de Ibarn'*) was admitted at the instance of William Shelley.

PARLIAMENT held on 6 February, 11 Henry VIII., A.D. 1519-20, before RICHARD SUTTON, WILLIAM RUDDALL, EDWARD HALYS, JOHN SKOTT, JOHN SKYLLYNG, JOHN PORTE, NICHOLAS TYCHEBORNE, THOMAS BROKYSBY, and JOHN PAKYNGTON.

Admission of John Graynefeld, —— Chaworth, Robert Baynerd, and William Toke.

Order that Danvers, who was elected to the office of steward for Christmas, be amerced 10*li.* because he did not execute that office.

Order that Richard Sutton, William Ruddall, John Skyllyng, Nicholas Tycheborne, and Richard Wye view all the chambers of the Inn.

Floyar and Broke pardoned Christmas vacation last past, forfeited by them, on condition that they keep the Christmas vacation next to come, which if they do not keep, they shall forfeit to the society 40*s.* each, without any remission.

[1] The volume of Acts of Parliament is here bound up wrongly. This entry is on fol. 33d, and the entries from fol. 34 to 54 refer to transactions in the reign of Edward VI., after which those for Henry VIII. continue.

James Whyt pardoned all vacations forfeited by him, on condition that he keep other vacations in the place of them.

Talbot, Bolland, Butler, Ludlow, Plonket, Welsborne, and Tracy, who forfeited their last Christmas vacations, are each amerced 40*s.*

Hare pardoned his Christmas vacation for a fine of 20*s.*, as appears in the last parliament.

Memorandum, that Bradston was admitted on 20 January, 1519-20, at the instance of William Huntley, and he is pardoned all offices for a fine of 40*s.*, which he paid to the treasurer.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 February, 11 Henry VIII. A.D. 1519-20, before RICHARD SUTTON, WILLIAM RUDDALL, JOHN SKYLLYNG, JOHN PORT, THOMAS BROKYSBY, and JOHN PAKYNGTON.

Adams pardoned his forfeiture for the autumn vacation, on condition that he keep another like vacation.

Memorandum, that on 12 February, 1519-20, John Elmys was admitted, at the instance of master Pygot, serjeant-at-law of the lord the King, and for a fine of 40*s.* he is pardoned all offices, except those of steward and marshal, and all vacations.

Memorandum, that on 12 February, 1519-20, John Bosse was admitted at the instance of John Baldewyn.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 May, 12 Henry VIII., A.D. 1520, before WILLIAM RUDDALE, JOHN SKYLLYNG, JOHN PORT, NICHOLAS TYCHEBORNE, ANTHONY BABYNGTON, THOMAS BROKYSBY, WILLIAM CONYNGSBY, and FRANCIS MOMFORD.

Pensions :—2*s.*

Reader for Autumn :—Massy.

Attendants on the reader :—Morton and Baker.

Danvers, formerly amerced 10*li.*, is now pardoned for a fine of 4*li.*, on condition that before he departs from the town that he pay to the treasurer 40*s.*, which he paid, and entered into a bond for the remainder. And he is licenced to be in commons at his pleasure.

Plonkett, Whyte, the younger, Tawlbott, and Wellysbourn, each amerced 20*s.* for Lent vacations last.

Darell, Skynner, Elmys, Blount, Baynard, and Tracy amerced because they were out of commons for three weeks in Lent last, called "Mene Vacation."

Perpoynt, Chapman, and Skynner amerced for two weeks and a half, called "le Mene Vacation."

Massy, who was elected attendant on the reader in Lent last, made default, therefore he is amerced 20*s*.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 June, 12 Henry VIII., A.D. 1520, before WILLIAM RUDDALL, JOHN SKYLLYNG, JOHN PORT, RALPH MASSY, and HENRY WHYT.

Order for William Ruddall, John Skyllyng, John Port, Baldwin Malet, and Henry Whyt, to view the chambers of the Inn and make certificate to the next Parliament.

Memorandum, that on 13 July, 1520, William Sparry was admitted.

PARLIAMENT held on 2 July, 12 Henry VIII., A.D. 1520, before RUDDALL, JOHN SKYLLYNG, JOHN PORT, ANTHONY BABYNGTON, JOHN PAKYNTON, RALPH MASSY, JOHN BAKER, and HENRY WHYT.

Election of officers for Christmas next:—

Steward:—Fyssher.

Marshal:—Rowland Babyngton.

Butler:—Morys.

Clerk of the kitchen:—Barons.

Admission of Lawrence Warryn, and he is pardoned all offices, except the offices of steward and marshal at the pleasure of the society.

Admission of Tayler of Ireland, at the instance of Master Audeley.

PARLIAMENT held on the feast of Commemoration of All Souls, 12 Henry VIII., A.D. 1520, before WILLIAM RUDDALL, JOHN PORT, JOHN SKYLLYNG, NICHOLAS TYCHEBORNE, RALPH SWYLYNGTON, and THOMAS BROKYSBY.

Reader for Lent Vacation :—Morton.

Attendants on the reader :—Babyngton, A., and Baker.

Treasurer :—Babyngton, A.

Steward for Christmas :—Fyssher.

Marshal :—Rowland Babyngton.

Butler :—Denny.

Clerk of the kitchen :—Barons.

Auditors to hear the treasurer's account :—Baldewyn, Pakynton, Whyt, and Warde.

Masters of the revels for Christmas :—Chaworth, Latheam, Halys, the younger, and Hylman.

Governors :—Sutton, Port, and Shelley.

Memorandum, that Morys, who was elected butler for Christmas at Trinity Term last, was pardoned that office on condition that he should execute the office of steward in default of Fyssher, and if Fyssher executed that office, then he should be marshal for Christmas next to come.

Admission of John Skevyngton, and he is pardoned all vacations and offices and has licence to be in commons at his pleasure for a fine of half a pipe of wine at the time Pakynton was reader.

Like admission of Alexander Plymley.

Like admission of John Coke, for a fine of 26*s.* 8*d.*

Like admission of Robert Pakynton, for a fine of 26*s.* 8*d.*

Michael Dormer and Thomas Cryppys pardoned all offices for one pipe of wine, when Baldewyn was reader.

Admission of Egmanton, and he is pardoned all offices and vacations, and has licence to be in commons at his pleasure for a fine of half a pipe of wine when Massy was reader.

Admission of Haselwode, and he is pardoned all offices, except those of marshal and master of the revels, and has licence to be in commons at his pleasure.

Chepman pardoned Christmas vacation next to come for a fine of 20*s.*, which he paid to the treasurer.

Fynys, Basset, and Baynerd fined for the autumn vacation last past.

Latheam amerced for half a week in the time of reading, 5*s.*, and two weeks after reading, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Dakers amerced for two weeks in the middle of vacation before reading, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Morton, who was elected an attendant on the reader in autumn last, was amerced 20*s.*

Admittance of Graynfeld to a chamber with Henry Whyt.

Admittance of Tukke to a chamber next the hall late Robert Fulwode's chamber.

General admission of John Colpeper of "Barnardes Ynne," as a member, at the instance of William Shelley, and he was assigned a chamber of the said Shelley with John Dannett, nephew of the same Shelley.

John Fitz was admitted at Christmas 1520, and his special admission was referred to Shelley, recorder and governor, who promised to give him dispensation.

Grenfeld, the elder, admitted at the same time. And afterwards Shelley said that he was pardoned vacations and offices, except the office of marshal, and this from henceforth is not to be had for an example. And he is admitted to a chamber over the Cloisters with John Chaworth by Anthony Babyngton, treasurer.

Admission of John Tukke of "Strond Inn" to the masters' commons, according to ancient order, at the request of John Greynfeld, his pledge.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 December, 12 Henry VIII., A.D. 1520, before WILLIAM RUDHALL, JOHN SCOTT, JOHN SKYLLYNG, JOHN POORTE, NICHOLAS TYCHEBORNE, RALPH SWYLLYNGTON, THOMAS BROKESBY, FRANCIS MONTFORD, MASSY, JOHN PAKYNTON, and others. ANTHONY BABYNGTON being then treasurer.

Order that everyone, who has been treasurer before this time, shall, before the end of the term, bring all sums of money remaining in his hands of his receipts touching this society to the chest appointed for a common treasury.

Order that whereas Denny was elected to the office of butler, he shall exercise the same or forfeit 100*s.*

Whereas Beynard forfeited the Lent vacation, it is agreed that he keep another for it.

Whereas Mathew, the younger, who is bound to the society for the forfeiture of his Christmas vacation, 1519, whereof he was amerced 40*s.*, prays to be discharged from all for a fine, it is agreed that he make a fine as he can agree with the treasurer.

Edward Fynes prays to be discharged from all offices, except the office of marshal, which is granted him. And he prays to be discharged from all vacations except the Christmas vacations in 1521 and 1522, which is also granted him. And he prays that he may be in commons and out of commons at his pleasure, while in this city, this however is not granted him unless he will pay 20*s.*, but this being paid it is granted.

Lathome prays to be discharged from the amercements for "mene vacations" and from the office of master of the revels, and yet to keep Christmas there. And it is agreed that if he keep four weeks in the vacations of the scholarship (*eruditionis*) and three weeks of the Christmas vacation, that he may be discharged the rest for a fine of 13*s.* 4*d.*, which is as yet owed, and also be excused from the office of master of the revels for another fine of 13*s.* 4*d.*, which he as yet owes.

Order that each master of the revels shall not exceed the sum of 13*s.* 4*d.* in his costs, as well for drinking as supper or other commons.

John Chaworth, who was elected one of the masters of the revels, discharged from the same and other offices and vacations, and has licence to be out of commons at his pleasure for a fine 4*li.*, which he owes, but afterwards on 13 February he paid it to the treasurer. And he is admitted to a chamber over the Cloisters, where Fisher lately lay.

"Memorandum that the xxviij dey of Novembre the xij yer of Kyng Henre the viij, Richard Sutton, William Rudhall, and Baldewyne Malett broght their keys of the common cheste and ther opend the same, and was found these somes ther, that was broght yn by tresorers before tyme.

John Scotte, xiiij*li.* vj*s.* viij*d.*, wheroff c*s.* was taken furth and delyverd [to] Antony Babyngton to bye vessell wyth.

John Poorte, for iij yeres ended anno ix° H. viij, broght yn xx*li.*, and owez xj*li.* xij*s.*

John Skyllyng broght yn x*li*, and owz ix*li.* xiij*s.* vij*d.*

Ed. Halez broght yn xx merkes, and owz viij*li.*

Nicoll Tychborne, xj*li.* xiij*s.* vj*d.*, and owez no thyng.

And ther ys that was geyderd [gathered] for the churche, for the clok or oder thynges, liiij*s.* iij*d.*

And of master Wye by quest to the wall [?] ys xl*s.*, videlicet, quadraginta solidos in auro. Summa, lxxiiij*li.* xiij*d.*

Unde abatment c*s.*, et remanent cler lxix*li.* xiij*d.*

And ys owyng as above xxix*li.* v*s.* vij*d.*, besides that remaining yn Malet handes, wech hath not yet fynysshed hys accompt."

PARLIAMENT held on 27 January, 12 Henry VIII., A.D. 1520-21, before W. RUDHALL, J. SCOTT, J. SKYLLYNG, and many others.

Denny, because he did not exercise the office of butler at Christmas last past, is amerced 100*s.*

Broke, Tracy, Blount, Skynner, Bassett, Darrell, Beynard, and Chapman, each amerced for not keeping Christmas vacation, 40*s.*

General admission of John Tyrrell, son and heir of Sir Thomas Tyrrell, knight, at the instance of Lord Mountjoy (*Montis Jubilei*). Pledges Blount and Brown. And power is given to the treasurer to communicate with him for special admission.

Order that the treasurer, with Massy, Wyddon, Audeley, and Baronz shall sit upon the accounts of the Christmas expenses, and shall report thereon to the society at the next parliament.

The arrears in the hands of the past treasurers put in the chest.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 February, 12 Henry VIII., A.D. 1520-21, before R. SUTTON, W. RUDHALL, J. SKYLLYNG, J. PORTE, N. TYCHBORNE, R. MOORTON, J. BALDWYNE, T. BROKESBY, F. MONDFORD, J. PAKYNTON, H. WHYTE, and others. ANTHONY BABYNGTON, then treasurer.

First, there was declared before them in a full parliament all the expenses for Christmas last past, as follows:—

Charge of the buttery, 8*li.* 9*s.* 11*d.*
Charge of the kitchen, 10*li.* 10*s.* 8*d.*
Charge of necessaries, 20*li.* 2*s.* 3½*d.*
Sum, 39*li.* 2*s.* 10½*d.*
Deduct 24 commons for the first week, 8*li.*
And repasts in the same week, 28*s.* 3*d.*
And 23¼ commons in the second week, 6*li.* 4*s.*
And repasts in the same week, 23*s.* 2*d.*
And 21 commons in the third week, 4*li.* 4*s.*
And repasts in the same week, 19½*d.*
And the fuel of the members at the clerks' commons, 14*s.*
Sum to be paid for commons and repasts, 21*li.* 15*s.* 2*d.*

And so there remains in charge beyond the said sum of 21*li.* 15*s.* 2*d.* to be paid for commons and repasts, 17*li.* 7*s.* 8½*d.*

Whereof the treasurer this year paid, according to ancient custom, to the hands of Barons, deputy steward for Christmas, 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

And these are the amercements of the officers, namely, from the victuallers pardoned their amercements by the society by reason of their poverty and because they promised to serve the society in the same manner and at the same rate for next year without any increase in the price of their victuals, that is to say:—

From the baker, Sqwyer, 26*s.* 8*d.*
From the brewer, Abram, 20*s.*
From the brewer, James, 20*s.*
From the brewer, Nyves, 20*s.*
From the brewer "del beer," 20*s.*
From "le chaundelar," 3*s.* 4*d.*
Sum 110*s.*

And so having deducted the said amercements of 110*s.* and the said sum of 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* paid by the treasurer, there remains further in charge, 104*s.* 4½*d.*

Of which sum of 104*s.* 4½*d.*, it is agreed by the whole society that Michael Fisher, steward for Christmas aforesaid, should collect the commons and repasts above paid to the victuallers, so that he discharge the society from all the charge aforesaid, except 110*s.* of the amercements aforesaid imposed upon the victuallers. And so the said Michael is charged in the charge of that 104*s.* 4½*d.*, and this on account of his negligence and inattention to his office, and because

he left the society within the feast of Christmas, to wit, after the feast of Circumcision.

And that there be accepted from Rowland Babyngton, marshal, for like negligence and for his departure after the same feast, 26*s.* 8*d.*

And from Thomas Newton, one of the masters of the revels, for his absence, 10*s.* And so he proffers in his charge 67*s.* 8½*d.*

And because John Coke was negligent and wasteful in spices and other things of the society he is amerced 10*s.*

And whereas John Rolfe was asked to be a common serjeant at Christmas, for three times only, to wit, on St. Stephen's day and at the suppers of the assembly of the society called "the Metyng nyghtes," for the honour of the society, and he was unwilling, [it is ordered] that he shall absent himself out of the hall and society until he be reformed by parliament or pay 20*s.* for his negligence and contempt, although he is discharged from all offices.

And whereas the amercements of the officers which were accustomed to be for the expenses at Christmas, are pardoned, and the treasurer for the time being ought not of right to be charged therewith, it is considered that he shall be paid out of the old treasury in the hands of the former treasurers. And with this intention it was provided that there be transferred to the hands of the governors all sums of money in the said treasurers' hands. But none of them came, except Porte, who offered his arrears, but they were left in his hands till next parliament.

Admittance of Nicholas Hare to the chamber where Denny and Champnes were admitted, by Anthony Babyngton, treasurer.

Admission of Humphrey Ayshfeld, son and heir of John Ayshfeld of the county of Oxford, and lately a member of New Inn without the Bars, as a member to the clerks' commons, at the instance of Ralph Massy.

Whereas at the parliament held on the feast of All Souls last past, Rowland Morton was elected reader for Lent next to come and is prepared to exercise that office, but since such election King Henry VIII. directed divers writs to various members of this society, namely, to William Rudhall, John Poorte, and Baldwin Malet, that they should be prepared in the octaves of St. John the Baptist next to come to receive the estate and rank of serjeants at law, whereby the said election of the society, according to ancient and laudable use

and custom, from a time whereof the memory of man runneth not, used and approved, was abandoned this time, and the serjeant who was the youngest ought to read for the vacation to come. And if the feast of serjeants (*festum servientium*) be deferred to Michaelmas term, then the one of the said serjeants ought to read who is next to him who last read, to make his last farewell by form of the order aforesaid. Therefore it is considered that Baldwin Malet, who is the youngest, shall read for the vacation next to come, his health permitting, and if he shall run any risk by reason of his infirmity, that John Porte, shall do this, and in default of him, the said William Rudhall, so that at all events a serjeant named shall read, and none other shall be a substitute for them.

Admittance of Robert Dacre to the chamber to which Denny and Champnes were admitted, by Anthony Babyngton, treasurer.

Admission of Herysy, as a member, at the instance of Grenvyle and Fitz, by the pledge of the same.

PARLIAMENT held on Quinquagesima Sunday, 12 Henry VIII., A.D. 1520-21, before WILLIAM RUDHALL, JOHN PORTE, the new serjeants at law (*inceptores servientium ad legem*) SIR EDWARD TAME, knight, NICHOLAS TYCHBORNE, JOHN PAKYNGTON, and three others. ANTHONY BABYNGTON, treasurer.

At this parliament the old treasurers, who had been warned to bring in the arrears in their hands, namely, John Porte 11*li.* 12*s.*, John Skyllyng, 9*li.* 13*s.* 7*d.*, and Edward Hales, 8*li.*, did not come, except John Porte, who lay down the whole sum of 11*li.* 12*s.* before the society in the said parliament, asserting that he was charged with 40*s.* debts by Ralph Massy and 10*s.* upon John Coke for amercements of the said John, whereof he is not paid, and he prays the aid of the society for raising the same. And by authority of parliament it was ordained that he should pay to the hands of the treasurer 9*li.*, and that he should be discharged the 10*s.* charged upon John Coke, and should levy the 40*s.* upon Massy, otherwise he must answer the society as much, because he so charged himself by his negligence and that other treasurers after him may not ask the same sum of the said Massy.

At this parliament it is reported to the society that Baldwin Malett, who before received a writ for being a serjeant at law, by his own labour and industry had procured a discharge from that office. And his discharge was only made known to the society on Friday last, when he was told of it and was not called on that day. And because John Poorte and all the others of the society did not believe that the said Malett wished to exercise that office, and the same John Poorte is solicitor of the King's causes, whereby he has many of the King's causes in this term, namely, for all this week and also to the time of reading, and afterwards in the time of reading for other causes of the King, and but a short time to study for the whole reading for the said society, therefore it is considered that the said John Poorte shall not be bound for the whole of that reading, but for the preservation of the ancient custom he shall keep some readings and shall read at the beginning of the vacation; and that Rowland Morton, who was elected reader, shall perform the rest of the reading for the time of vacation. And Rowland Morton for such reason to be attendant upon the same serjeant for his readings.

Admission of Thomas Pace, at the instance and by the pledge of John Boss', and he shall be of the clerks' commons for as long as he pleases, and when he shall come to the masters' commons he shall keep two other vacations for the Christmas vacations.

Admittance of Egmanton to the chamber over the buttery (*promptuar'*) to which Hord and Luke Longland were admitted, by Anthony Babyngton, treasurer.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 April, 13 Henry VIII., A.D. 1521, before W. RUDHALL, J. SALTER, J. SKYLLYNG, R. SWILLYNGTON, T. BROKESBY, and many other barristers. ANTHONY BABYNGTON being then treasurer.

Pensions for this term assessed at 4*s.* by reason of the election of serjeants at law at the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist next.

Reader :—Baker, and he is elected conditionally, namely, that if the creation of the serjeants at law be deferred till after the feast of St. Michael, then William Shelley, recorder of London, who received

the King's letter for being a serjeant at law since the last reading in Lent, shall be reader, his health permitting, and in default of him Rudhall.

Attendants on the reader :—Swillyngton and White.

Darrell, who forfeited the vacations at Christmas and Lent last past, is pardoned the same, and also any vacations to come if there are any, because he is attending upon John Cheyne, his father-in-law, in the office of sheriff of Buckingham and Bedford. And also he is discharged from all offices, except the office of steward or marshal, which he shall not exercise during the lifetime of his father, if he be elected to the same, but if after the decease of his father he be elected to any of them, he shall exercise one of them, otherwise he shall be subject to the amercements usual, but he ought not to be charged with both. And for such pardon he agrees to pay to the hands of Anthony Babyngton in Trinity term next, 53*s.* 4*d.*, which he so paid on 4 July, 1521.

Admission of John Dannett, son of Gerard Dannett, at the instance and by the pledge of William Shelley, recorder of London, and he is pardoned the office of butler only.

Admission of William Fitz William, of the King's Council and lately chamberlain of the most reverend father Thomas, the cardinal, at the instance of Baker. And it is asserted that he is willing to give to the society in the time of Baker's reading a pipe of wine.

Admission of James Baskervyle, esquire, by Rowland Morton, reader, and he is discharged from offices and from being in commons longer than he pleases.

Admission of Thomas Essex, esquire, son and heir apparent of Sir William Essex, Knight, by the said Rowland Morton, reader, like Fitzwilliam and Baskervyle, by bill written in like form. And they are bound neither to vacations nor commons, and the admission does not mention offices nor any sum of money for the common treasury, therefore it is considered that Essex shall pay to the society 40*s.*, or otherwise shall not enjoy dispensation.

Amercements for vacations :—Darrell,[1] Elmes, and Fenes[1] for the whole of Lent Vacation, 20*s.* each ; Bassett,[1] for two weeks in the reading and four weeks of the Mean vacation, 10*s.* ; Blount, for half a

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week in the reading and four in the Mean vacation, 7*s.* 4*d.*; Tracy[1] and Latham,[1] for a week and a half in reading, 5*s.*, and in the Mean vacation four weeks, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Hillman for four weeks in the Mean vacation, 6*s.* 8*d.*; and Clough two weeks in the Mean vacation, 3*s.* 4*d.*

General admisssion of Henry Bradshaw of "Barnardes Ynne."

Like admission of Robert Meres of "New Yn" at the instance of Shelley, serjeant at law and recorder of London.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 July, 13 Henry VIII., A.D. 1521, before Masters EDWARD HALYS, JOHN SKYLLYNG, NICHOLAS TYCHBOURNE, JOHN PAKYNTON, BAKER, HENRY WHYTE, and many other barristers. ANTHONY BABYNGTON being treasurer.

Whereas the King lately directed four writs to four members of the society, namely, William Rudhale, John Poorte, Baldwin Malett, and William Shelley, that they in the octaves of St. John should receive the estate and rank of serjeants at law, which same William Rudhale, John Poorte, and William Shelley, on Friday the 28 June, after vespers, bade farewell to the society in the manner following. First, all of the society who were in the city being warned and being assembled in the hall, the seniors in the upper part and the juniors in the lower, two elder barristers were sent for the eldest serjeant, to show him that the members would expect his coming and to accompany him into the hall; and so another two for another serjeant; and so for each of them. Which being done and they being come and standing in the chief place of the society almost in the middle of the of the hall on one side, according to their seniority, the serjeant being the eldest member began to deliver to the society a goodly exhortation, to observe the ordinances and rules (*stabilamenta*) there before used, as well concerning study as other things, admonishing the younger members to obey their superiors, showing that by so doing he had come to the rank of a serjeant, declaring to the society his good will and offering them his service as well with his heart, his mouth, and by his deeds. And having said these words the second serjeant began his exhortation, and so the third. Which being said, the member who was first in seniority and dignity returned thanks to them

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in the name of the whole society for their good exhortations and for their teachings (*eruditionibus*) now past, beseeching them that although they might be absent in body, nevertheless that they would not be so in spirit and will, and assuring them with humility of the services of the society. Which being said, those three serjeants proceeded to the door of the buttery, where the treasurer delivered to them in the name of the society 10*li.* in three pairs of gloves (*siraccarum*) provided for the purpose, namely to each of them 5 marks. And if there had been four they would not have had more, and if only two they would not have had less. And Baldwin Malet, after the delivery of the writ, by the special endeavours of his friends was discharged, before the rest were sworn, to wit, in Hilary term last.

Then those three serjeants proceeded to the house of the Bishop of Ely in Holborne, the society following, from the seniors to the juniors to the number of almost a hundred and sixty, and so they came to a certain parlour on the north side of the hall, where the rest of the serjeants of the other inns had assembled, namely, from the Middle Temple, Fitzjames, Brown, and Yngrefeld, from "Lyncoln Yn," Wylloghby, and Norwyche, and from "Greys Yn," Fayrfax and Spylman. And after all the sergeants had come into the hall there, and sat at the chief table, and the elders of the Inns with them, they had spices and many comfits (*figmenta*) with wine of every sort. And on Saturday they remained there, and on Sunday the chief justice gave them a goodly exhortation in the great chamber at the end of the hall, and then he told them their suits (*narrationes*) before delivered by the chief prothonotaries.

"Memorandum, Rudhall, at hys departure, lafte a silvour spone for the borde of the benchars for a remembraunz in custodia of the cheif butler."

Edward Hales and John Scott elected governors in the place of John Poorte and William Shelley, therefore the second key, which was in the custody of John Poorte, was delivered to Halys or Scott.

Officers for next Christmas:—

Steward:—Morres.

Marshal:—Walssh.

Butler:—Denny.

Order that none of the society shall play within the Inn at the game called "shoffe boorde" or "slypgrote," under the penalty of 6*s.* 8*d.*

Admittance of Anthony Babyngton, treasurer, as well by authority of his office as of parliament, and with the consent of John Poorte, to the chamber next the hall on the east side, where the said John Poorte before lay. And if the son of the said John should be a member of the society, the same Anthony agrees that he shall be admitted with him into the same chamber, if the said Anthony should then be alive.

Richard Ogle, a member of the society, as well on account of divers considerations urged at the instance of Sir William Fitz William, knight, a member of the society and of the King's council, as for 33*s.* 4*d.* paid to the treasurer, is pardoned all future offices and may be in or out of commons at his pleasure.

William Hoorde, a member of the society, pardoned attending commons for a year, by reason of sickness, and this freely.

Robert Wye, because he was called by Rowland Moreton at the time of his reading to sit at the benchers' table, may be now called to do his reading when it shall come to his turn, otherwise he shall make fine for not reading, because it appears to the society that he is reputed in his own country to be sufficiently learned in the law and sufficiently expert, by colour whereof he has very many fees.

And with regard to the other benchers, to be newly called by the reader in the time of his reading, it is ordered that the reader, namely, Baker, and the treasurer, namely, Anthony Babington, shall agree as to them and that two or three of the elder barristers from those who had sustained the burden of the learning of the Inn and the Inns of Chancery shall be called.

Admittance of Thomas Sydenam to the chamber in the Outer Temple where Swyllyngton before lay, between the chambers of John Scott and John Dannett and Colpeper, by Anthony Babyngton, treasurer.

Sir John Babyngton, knight of the order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, who was admitted with Anthony Babyngton to the chamber where the said Anthony before lay, is now admitted to the chamber next the end of the east hall (*juxta finem orientalis aulæ*) of the Inner Inn, with the said Anthony, in which chamber John Porte before lay. And this was done by the aforesaid Anthony, being then treasurer and one of the governors of the Inn.

But the said Poorte, serjeant at law, not being well content with

the intention of the aforesaid admittance, upon suit made to the society, it was ordered that the said Anthony and his issue, and the issue of the said John, being members of the society, should have the said chamber for as long as any of them was in the same society.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 November, 13 Henry VIII., A.D. 1521, before JOHN SKYLLYNG, JOHN BALDWYN, and six barristers. ANTHONY BABYNGTON being treasurer.

Whereas it is intimated to the society that this term is adjourned to the octaves of Hilary, and there was not a parliament at the morrow of All Souls, the pension of this term, which is wont to be assessed on the feast of All Souls, is now assessed at 2*s*., and is delivered to the butler to be collected by the assent of parliament, to the use of such as shall be treasurer for next year.

Admission of Alexander Armestrong of "Clementes Ynne." And he is discharged from all things except the office of butler, and is assigned the lower chamber in "le Lane Syde," opposite the office of William Conyngesby, prothonotary, in which chamber he is permitted to build a chimney. And on account of this, he shall pay for his fine 40*s*., whereof he will be allowed 13*s*. 4*d*., and shall only pay 26*s*. 8*d*., but if he does not build the said chimney he shall pay to the society 53*s*. 4*d*.

General admission of Ranulph Wylbram, principal of "Clementes Ynne," according to ancient custom, but he prays he may be respited from coming till after Christmas, that he may discharge his accounts and other charges of his office of principal.

James Gerrard for default of a moot in this term is amerced 20*s*.

"A remembrauncz of susch as shold kepe their vacacions of their entre to the masters' commons":—Dacars, Chapman, and Tracy, in the week of Mary Magdalene, 11 Henry VIII.; Blounte, Darrell, Elmes, Chaworth, Skynner, and Beynard, the first week of Lent, in the same year; Fynys, the fifth week of Lent, in the same year; Clogh, Bassett, and Lathome, the week of Relics,[1] 12 Henry VIII.; Brown, the week of St. Bartholomew; Helman, Newton, Halys, Graynfeld, Colpeper, and Fitz, in Christmas week,

[1] The third week after Midsummer.

12 Henry VIII.; Tyrrel, in the week of the Purification, 12 Henry VIII.; Essex, the younger, the second week of Lent, 12 Henry VIII.; Tubbe, the week of St. John the Baptist, 13 Henry VIII.

Admissions in the time of Anthony Babyngton:—1 and 2 Greynfeld, the elder and younger, 3 Colpeper, 4 Erysi, 5 Fitz, 6 Tubbe, 7 Tyrrell, J., 8 Broun, J., 9 Bradshawe, 10 Meres, 11 Pace, 12 Ayshfeld, 13 Armestrong, 14 Wylbrame, 15 W. FitzWilliam, knight, 16 Baskervyle, 17 Essex, the younger.

Admittance of Thomas Bonham and John Skyllyng to the chamber where Anthony Babyngton lately lay, by the said Anthony, then treasurer and governor.

Admittance of Walter Blounte to the chamber where Skyllyng lately lay, namely, in the tower over the Parliament House. And if the said Skyllyng was unwilling to move from the said chamber, the said Walter should enjoy his assignment to the chamber where Ralph Swyllyngton lately lay in "le Nutgardyne," because the said Swyllyngton is assigned where William Rudhall, now a serjeant, lay, with Edward Tame, and this by authority of Anthony Babyngton. And if the said Walter be admitted to the chamber of Skyllyng in the tower aforesaid, then it may be at the choice of Edward Hales whether he wish to have the said chamber in "le Nutgardyn" and lose the chamber where he now lies, or not, and if he wish to lose the old chamber he shall enjoy the new, and the old chamber to be disposed of by the treasurer.

PARLIAMENT held on Saturday the commemoration of All Souls, and no revels of dances (*de choreis*) were held for the same cause (*sic*), before RICHARD SUTTON, JOHN BALDWYNE, WILLIAM CONYNGESBY, FRANCIS MONDFORD, JOHN PAKYNTON, and HENRY WHYTE, and seven other barristers. ANTHONY BABYNGTON being as yet treasurer.

Pension assessed at the last parliament:—2*s*.

Reader:—Bakar, who ought to have read at the last autumn vacation, and did not read by reason of the plague, and he is now appointed for Lent next, God willing.

Attendants:—Babyngton and Whyte.

The officers elected for Christmas are respited, viz.:—Mores for steward, Walsh for marshal, and Denny for butler; and this by reason of the plague, as the term is adjourned from the morrow of All Souls to the octaves of Hilary.

And the servants of the Inn ought to be allowed 6*s.* 8*d.* by the week, when the number of members in commons falls below twelve at the least.

It is agreed for the future that the members who keep commons at Christmas ought to allow, according to the discretion of the treasurer, viz.:—40*d.* each or less, but this continuance of the members shall not stand for a vacation.

New treasurer:—John Baldwyne.

"Memorandum, that at this parliament Anthony Babyngton, late treasurer, delivered to John Baldwyn, now treasurer, this book, and for a special remembrance what is the rent for the Inn aforesaid henceforth due to the lord the prior of St. John of Jerusalem in England, he notifies to the members at this parliament, that whereas the rent of the House of old time was 20 marks, the said late treasurer agrees with the said prior that from henceforth it shall not be above 10*li.*, upon this condition, that we should make the repairs at our pleasure, so that he should not allow us any repairs. Which agreement they (*sic*) cordially accepted because the said prior would with grave reluctance and great difficulty allow any repairs, and made many complaints that we occupy his lands against his will. And now by paying the said annuity of 10*li.* we are for ever quit, God willing.

"But because 5 marks are deducted from the rent, it is agreed that the treasurer shall render an account of the repairs made in his time with the said 5 marks, and the remainder shall be put into a bag and delivered to the following treasurer, for making repairs and not otherwise to be spent."

Auditors of the account of Anthony Babyngton, late treasurer:—Pakyngton, Whyte, Hassall, and Wyddon.

Memorandum, that on 20 November, 1521, Henry Herford, one of the customers for Plymouth and Fowey, was admitted a member, and being bound by his office to be absent, by the assent of John Scott, William Conyngsby, John Pacgynton, John Baker and Henry Whyte, he is pardoned all vacations and offices, and also permitted to be out of commons at his pleasure, for a fine of 40*s.*

General admission of —— Lamberd, as a member, on the same day, by the assent of John Scott and the others aforesaid.

PARLIAMENT held on 9 February, 13 Henry VIII., A.D. 1521-2, before RICHARD SUTTON, JOHN SCOTT, JOHN SKELYNG, NICHOLAS TWYCHEBURNE, WILLIAM CONYNGSBY, FRANCIS MOUNFORD, JOHN PAKYNTON, HENRY WHYTE, and others.

Admission of William Gatager, and he is pardoned all offices and vacations for a fine which he paid to the treasurer, as he says.

Reader for Lent :—Baker. *Crossed out.*

Attendants on the reader :—Whyte and Hasold. *Crossed out.*

Wye and Hassold admitted to the bench by authority of parliament.

Licence to John Pakynton to be out of commons except in terms and vacations.

At the same parliament Baynam delivered to the treasurer a letter of the lord the King, under the privy seal, to the intent that he be taken back into the society, notwithstanding any offence before done by him in the Temple, and all there gave authority to the treasurer to give answer to the same Baynam in manner and form following, namely, that the same Baynam should pay to the steward and treasurer all the debts which he owed them, and further that the same Baynam should purchase letters patent of the lord the King [for pardoning] all offences by him done in the Temple.

Order that from henceforth there be elected yearly at the parliament to be held next after the feast of All Saints, two controlers (*controllatores*), as well for the buttery (*promptuario*) as the kitchen. And that Whyddon and Chydley be elected to that office.[1]

Memorandum, that on 1 March, 1521-2, Humphrey Wels was admitted at the instance of Thomas Bonam. And if the same Humphrey after he is called to the masters' commons should happen to be absent from any of his Christmas vacations then he shall keep another Christmas vacation after all other vacations which he is bound to keep.

Memorandum, that on the 9 May, 1522, William Gataker was

[1] In the margin is *Surveyours.*

admitted and by the assent of John Scott, William Conyngsby, Francis Mownford, John Pakynton, John Baker, and Henry Whyte he is pardoned all vacations and offices for 26*s.* 8*d.* paid to John Baldwyn, treasurer.

John Crugge assigned by John Baldwyn, treasurer, a chamber where Ralph Massy lay, saving the right of Chaworth and Fitz when they come.

Richard Pygot assigned a chamber where Barnabas Blagge lay, by the same John Baldwyn.

PARLIAMENT held on 12 May, 14 Henry VIII., A.D. 1522, before JOHN SALTER, JOHN SKOTT, JOHN SKELYNG, WILLIAM CONYNGESBY, JOHN PAKYNGTON, and HENRY WHITE.

Reader for the autumn vacation :—Henry Whyte.

Attendants on the reader :—Anthony Babyngton and Robert Wye.

Auditors of the steward :—Warde and Chidle.

Pension assessed at 2*s.*

General admission of Bathe and Cusake of Ireland.

PARLIAMENT held on 8 July, 14 Henry VIII., A.D. 1522, before JOHN SKELLYNG and BALDWIN MALETT.

Officers for Christmas :—Mores for steward; Welsshe for marshal; and Denne for butler.

"Memorandum, that the xiiijth day off July, Thomas Foster promised by hys feyth that he wold be from hens forth off good rule and be obedyent to the rules off the Temple. In wytnes wheroff he hath subscribyd hys name.—Thomas Forster."

Memorandum, that on 1 August, 1522, Thomas Warley, late of "Lyons Inne," was admitted by Henry Whyte, then reader, and he was pardoned all offices and vacations, and had licence to be out of commons at his pleasure, and this for wine for the reader for this autumn vacation, whereby the society is discharged from wine for the same vacation. By the pledge of Henry White.

Memorandum, that on the same day one Vincent (*Wincendus*)

Carew, late of "Lyons Inne," was admitted and he was pardoned all offices for a fine of 26*s.* 8*d.* to be paid in the quindenes of St. Martin next. By the pledge of Thomas Deny.

Memorandum, that on the same day Thomas Deny, of this society, was pardoned all offices and amercements for not serving the office of butler to which he was elected, for a fine of 53*s.* 4*d.*

Memorandum, that on 1 May, 1522, Rowland Wilbram was admitted to the society, generally.

Memorandum, that on 9 July, 1522, John Barnabe, of "Davys Inne," was admitted a member by the assent of the whole bench and pardoned all offices, except those of marshal and steward, and all vacations, and had licence to be out of commons at his pleasure for a fine of 26*s.* 8*d.*, paid to John Baldwyn, treasurer. And he is assigned a chamber where Thomas Wycam, late steward of the Inn, lay; and there is assigned with him in the same chamber —— Carell, son and heir of John Carell, serjeant at law.

Memorandum, that on 1 August, 1522, Thomas Roberts, of "Clementes Inne," was admitted a member and pardoned all offices and all other charges (pensions only excepted), and had licence to be out of commons at his pleasure for a fine of 26*s.* 8*d.* to be paid to the treasurer in the quindenes of Michaelmas.

Memorandum, that on 20 June, 1522, Francis Pygot was admitted a member by the assent of Edward Halys, John Scott, Baldwin Malett, William Conyngsby, John Baker, and Francis Mowndeford; and he was pardoned the offices of butler, constable-marshal, and steward for the Christmas next following his admission.

Memorandum, that on 20 June, 1522, Henry Wattes, of "Clementes Ynne," was admitted at the instance of Sir Robert Brudnelle, knight, chief justice of the Common Pleas, by the assent of Edward Halys, John Scott, Baldwyn Malett, William Conesby, John Baker, and Francis Moundeford; and he was pardoned all vacations and offices for 26*s.* 8*d.* paid to the treasurer. By the pledge of Pygott, the elder, and Pygott, the younger.

PARLIAMENT held on 2 November, namely, the morrow of All Souls, 14 Henry VIII., A.D. 1522, before JOHN SCOTT, SKELYNG, PAKYNTON, and others.

Sutton, Hales, and Scott were continued as governors by authority of parliament for this year to come.

John Baldwyn continued treasurer at the great instance of the society, and it is promised that he shall be discharged from the office on the morrow of All Souls next to come.

PARLIAMENT held on Wednesday after the feast of the Purification, 14 Henry VIII., A.D. 1522-3.

Morres, who was elected in the last parliament to the office of steward for Christmas and wholly refused the office, amerced 10*li.*, whereof he is pardoned 5 marks at his great instance.

Latton, who was elected steward in the place of Morres and would not serve that office, amerced 10*li.*, and he was pardoned 5 marks

Hege, who was elected butler for Christmas and refused to serve amerced 5*li.*

Bryttnell, T., who was elected butler in the place of Hege, at the instance of Robert Brudnell, chief justice of the Common Pleas, father of the said Brittnelle (*sic*), T., is discharged from the said office for this year. And the aforesaid Brudnelle (*sic*), T., promised to exercise the same office of butler at Christmas next.

Clerk of the kitchen :—Chidley.

Masters of the revels :— ——

Auditors for the treasurer's account :—White, Pakynton, Chidley, and Barnes.

Anthony Babyngton, who was elected reader for Lent vacation and wholly refused to exercise that office, fined 10*li.*

Ralph Swyllyngton elected reader in the place of Babyngton.

Attendants on the reader :—Conysby and Wye.

Pension assessed at 2*s.*

Lambard, because he is in the service of the master of the rolls

and tied to that service, and for 26*s.* 8*d.*, is pardoned all offices and vacations and all other charges (except only pensions) and has licence to be out of commons at his pleasure.

Admission of Sir William Skevyngton, knight, and Martin Docra, at the instance of Ralph Swillyngton, reader, and they are pardoned all offices and vacations, and have licence to be out of commons at their pleasure for a fine of 40*s.* each, to be delivered to the said Ralph for wine for this vacation.

Admission of Peter Coleyn, at the instance of the aforesaid Ralph Swyllyngton, and he is pardoned all offices and vacations and all other charges (pensions only excepted) and has licence to be out of commons at his pleasure for a fine of 40*s.*

Thomas Pace, by authority of parliament is pardoned and discharged all offices and vacations and has licence to be out of commons at his pleasure for such time as Thomas, now bishop of Bangor, should dwell in the city of London. And he gives for a fine 26*s.* 8*d.*, whereof 13*s.* 4*d.* is received.

Memorandum, that whereas Anthony Babyngton, by authority of parliament, was elected reader for Lent, 1523, and because the said Anthony wholly refused to exercise the said office, he was amerced according to the form of the statute, 10*li.* ; but afterwards, for divers great considerations and because the same Anthony undertook to make a book of all the statutes and rules necessary in the House of the Inner Temple, by ancient custom used, and to deliver the said book so made to the treasurer for the time being, this side the feast of Pentecost next, the aforesaid Anthony is pardoned the said fine of 10*li.* and all other fines and amercements by him forfeited (arrears of his accounts, pensions and commons only excepted), and he gives for a fine 5*li.*

Memorandum, that on 5 January, 1522-3, Sir William Fitz William, the elder, knight, William Fitz William, the younger, son of the said William Fitz William, the elder, and Anthony Coke, son in law of the aforesaid William Fitz William, the elder, were admitted into the society of the Inner Temple in the form following, that is to say, that the said William, the elder, for divers considerations was admitted free, without paying or doing anything therefor, and the same Anthony Coke was admitted in consideration of paying 40*s.*, and the said William, the younger, was admitted on the condition that when he

should first reside in the House he should pay 20*s.* for his admission. And it is granted to the same William, the elder, Anthony, and William, the younger, that they and each of them shall have liberty to be in or out of commons at their pleasure, and further that they shall be quit of all offices and vacations, and all other charges and customs, the money for commons and pensions only excepted. Pledges, Thomas Brudnelle and Richard Ogyll, the younger.

Memorandum, that on 4 November, 1522, Thomas Kyrkeham was admitted a member, and by authority of Parliament pardoned the office of butler and also all vacations, except the feast of Christmas next to come. And he gave for a fine 20*s.*, which he paid to John Baldwyn, treasurer.

PARLIAMENT held on the third Monday after the feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, 15 Henry VIII., A.D. 1523, before SIR RICHARD SUTTON, knight, JOHN SKELYNG, and others.

Morres, who was at the last parliament amerced 10 marks for not exercising the office of steward at Christmas, pardoned 33*s.* 4*d.*, upon condition that he pay 5*li.*, the residue of the said sum, to the treasurer in the term then next following, otherwise he shall pay 10 marks and be pardoned nothing.

Latton, who was amerced 10 marks at the last parliament for not exercising the office of steward at Christmas, is pardoned 33*s.* 4*d.* upon a like condition.

Memorandum, that on 10 August, 1523, John Donyngton of London was admitted a member by Richard Hassall, reader, and he is pardoned all offices and vacations, and all other charges (the yearly pensions only excepted), and is permitted to be out of commons at his pleasure.

Memorandum, that Wye, by authority of parliament, was elected reader for the autumn of 1523, and because the said Wye wholly refused to exercise that office he is amerced according to the form of the statute, 10*li.*

PARLIAMENT held on 25 October, 15 Henry VIII., A.D. 1523, before S[K]ELYNG, CONESBYE, BAKER, WARD, and others.

Pensions assessed, by authority of parliament, at 2*s*. And the roll of the same pensions is delivered for collection to Wellys, because it is said that the term is adjourned.

Memorandum, that William Sparry was pardoned all vacations and offices, and gave for a fine 20*s*.

PARLIAMENT held on Monday after the feast of All Saints, 15 Henry VIII., A.D. 1523, before SCOTT, SWILLINGTON, CONESBYE, MOWNDEFORD, PAKYNTON, and HASSALD.

Governors :—Sutton, Halys, and Scott.
Treasurer elected at this parliament :—Swillynton.
Reader for Lent :—Forman, or in default Baldwyn.
Attendants on the reader :—Brokesbye and Morres.
Officers for Christmas :—
Steward :—Barnarston, and in default Gyfford.
Marshal :—Croke, and in default Welche.
Butler :—Brittnell, the younger, and in default Whiddon.
Clerk of the kitchen :—Hege.

Auditors for the account of the treasurer :—Baker, White, Audeley, and Hege.

PARLIAMENT held on 21 December, 15 Henry VIII., A.D. 1523.

"Received by me, John Pakyngton, the vjth day of July, anno xvj° Henrici viij, of Rauf Swyllyngton, treserour of the Ineer Temple, xl*li*, videlicet, xx*li* of the money of the tresory, and other xx*li* of the money of the lorde Seynt Johnes, toward the makyng of the wall apon Themes. Per me, Johannem Pakyngton."

Thomas Wayneman was admitted a member in Lent vacation, 15 Henry VIII., when John Baldwyn was reader, and he is pardoned

all offices and vacations and other charges (pensions only excepted), and has licence to be out of commons at his pleasure for 50*s.*, paid to the same John for wine in the time of his reading.

PARLIAMENT held on the last day of November, 15 Henry VIII., A.D. 1523, before JOHN BALDWYN, WILLIAM CONYNESBY, and RALPH SWILLYNGTON, treasurer.

It was agreed not to keep Christmas this year as of old, but that it be accounted to those who remain as a vacation, and there shall be allowed to the society for players (*istruonibus*) as in the previous year, or at discretion. And no one shall be compelled to remain for Christmas.

Admission of Leonard Fissh, by Ralph Swillyngton, treasurer, on 16 December, 1523, and he is pardoned all offices and vacations, and has licence to be out of commons at his pleasure, except the week of All Saints and the Purification of the Blessed Mary, for which he paid 60*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on 21 December, 15 Henry VIII., A.D. 1523, before EDWARD HALES, JOHN BALDWYN, HASSALL, PAKYNGTON, and RALPH SWILLYNGTON.

It is agreed that the society shall have for Christmas one boar besides "a sheld" and two "roundes," and the commons be accounted weekly. And that those who are commoners shall be charged all expenses except for the players (*istruon'*), who shall have 20*s.*, and except the boar abovesaid.

Admission of Brian Tuke, and he is pardoned all offices and vacations, and has licence to be in commons at his pleasure. And he is excused all other charges at the special desire of Ralph Swillyngton, treasurer, and because he promised to contribute towards the stone wall against the water, when it is to be built and not before.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 February, 15 Henry VIII., A.D. 1523-4, before JOHN SALTER, EDWARD HALES, JOHN SKYLLYNG, RALPH SWILLYNGTON, treasurer, and others.

Item, to confer with Roland Morton for the admission of Essex, the younger, Fitz William, and Baskerville.

It is ordered that Mores and Latton shall pay the sums taxed upon them before Sunday next, otherwise they shall pay in all 10*li.*, namely, Mores 33*s.* 4*d.*, and Latton 60*s.* (*sic*).

Authority given to John Baldewyn to proceed against Thomas Wycam, upon a statute remaining in the custody of the same John.

It is injoined that all who owe any debts to the Inn be prosecuted effectually. And the steward of the Inn is elected solicitor and Hilman or Polyver, attorney.

Order that whosoever be put out or discharged from commons shall not have or occupy a chamber for the whole time that he be out of commons.

PARLIAMENT held on 17 April, 15 Henry VIII., A.D. 1524, before WILLIAM CONYNGESBY, FRANCIS MOUNFORD, JOHN BAKER, MASTER WYE, MORES, LATTON, RALPH SWILLINGTON, treasurer, and others.

Pension assessed at 2*s.*, Brokyng collector of the same.

It is agreed that Master Wye be pardoned 5 marks, part of the 10*li.* of his fine for reading.

Master Mores is elected reader for the vacation following.

Attendants on the reader :—Brokesby and Latton.

Auditors for the account of the steward :—Master Hedge and Master Sydenham.

Master Baldewyn and Basset assigned jointly and severally to prosecute Thomas Wycam, by the counsel of Master Pakyngton.

It is agreed that all debtors of the Inn shall pay their debts to the treasurer before Easter next, otherwise they shall be proceeded against without favour.

PARLIAMENT held on 29 April, 16 Henry VIII., A.D. 1524, before EDWARD HALES, JOHN SKYLLYNG, JOHN TYCHEBOURNE, THOMAS BROKESBY, JOHN MORES, JOHN LATTON, RICHARD WARD, and RALPH SWILLYNGTON, treasurer.

John Latton elected reader, and Mores discharged for a fine of 10*li.*

Attendants on the reader :—Brokesby and Ward.

Mitton elected collector of the old pensions.

Master Hedge elected collector of the amercements for commons unpaid.

PARLIAMENT held on 21 June, 16 Henry VIII., A.D. 1524, RALPH SWILLYNGTON being treasurer, in the presence of MASTER SCOTE, JOHN SKYLLYNG, JOHN BALDEWYN, THOMAS BROKESBY, WILLIAM CONYNGESBY, and others.

It is agreed that a roll be made by Thomas, the butler, of the contributors towards the stone wall to be built in the garden near the Thames, and that Master Ward shall collect the old fines, pensions, and arrears of the roll of Thomas, the late steward of this Inn, and the arrears of the treasurer, and all the debts of the House.

Master Baldwyn is ordered to take a due recognizance of Thomas, the late steward.

Master Whit and Master Baker are ordered to collect the roll of contributions aforesaid.

Master Pakyngton and Master Rice are elected surveyors for the wall, and are to provide all things for the same, and that the money be delivered to them.

Master Hedge and Master Sydenham are elected to receive all things pertaining to the same and to survey them.

Order that no one from henceforth be permitted to contribute to the wall, unless at his free will.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 July, 16 Henry VIII., A.D. 1524, in the presence of RALPH SWILLYNGTON, treasurer, EDWARD HALES, JOHN TICHEBORNE, BALDWIN MALET, JOHN BALDWYN, WILLIAM CONYNGESBY, and others.

Master Ward is elected reader for the next vacation, in default of Latton.

Attendants upon the reader :—Brokesby and Awdeley.

Admittance of Anthony Coke and Richard Ogle to a chamber, called Essex chamber, for term of their lives, by Ralph Swillyngton, treasurer.

PARLIAMENT held on 22 October, 16 Henry VIII., A.D. 1524, in the presence of THOMAS BROKESBY, WILLIAM CONYNGESBY, JOHN BALDEWYN, FRANCIS MOUNTFORD, RALPH SWILLYNGTON, treasurer, and others.

Pensions :—2*s*.

Inventory of the goods of Richard Sutton by Robert Brudenell, Thomas Audeley, and Robert Sydenham. *The inventory is not set out*.

Admission of Thomas Coton and he is discharged from all vacations and offices, except those of marshal and steward, for which he paid to the treasurer 20*s*.

Admittance of John Grymmesdyche to the chamber, called Skyllyng's chamber. To hold at his will, by the assignment of Ralph Swillyngton, treasurer.

Assignment of the lower chamber, in which Master Ogle now lies, below the chamber of Richard Sutton, to Thomas Brasy, butler.

PARLIAMENT held on Wednesday, All Souls' day, 16 Henry VIII., A.D. 1524, before RALPH SWILLYNGTON, treasurer, JOHN SCOTE, JOHN SALTER, THOMAS BROKESBY, ANTHONY BABYNGTON, and others.

Weshe may choose whether he will be steward or marshal.

Brokesby elected treasurer.

Farman amerced for reading 10*li.*, which is remitted to 4 marks.

And Brokesby is elected reader.

Attendants on the reader :—Master Conyngesby, Master Latton.

Governors:—Master Swillyngton, Master Scot, and Master Malet.

Auditors of the account of Ralph Swillington :—Francis Mountfort, Pakyngton, Chidley, and Hedge.

Officers for Christmas next :—

Steward :—Barneston ; and in default, Gifford ; and in default, Brown ; and in default, German ; and in default, Dormer ; and in default, Selman ; and in default, Hord, the elder ; and in default, Fowler ; and in default, Brudenell, R. ; and in default, Barret ; and in default, Waller ; and in default, Seint Awbyn ; and in default, Wolantes ; and in default, Holland ; and in default, Molens.

Marshal :—Croke ; and in default, Cope ; and in default, Walssh.

Butler :—Brudenell, the younger ; and in default, Chiddon.

Clerk of the kitchen :—Hedge.

Admission of Thomas Babyngton, son and heir apparent of Anthony Babyngton, and he is pardoned all offices and other charges (pensions excepted) and may be in and out of commons at his pleasure, and he is assigned a chamber where the said Anthony lies, at the instance of the said Anthony and for a fine of 40*s.* paid to the treasurer.

Memorandum, that William Molens agreed to pay 100*s.* for his discharge from the offices of marshal and steward and all other offices of the Inn, of which he paid to Ralph Swillyngton, treasurer, 50*s.* ; and he agrees to pay the remainder at Easter.

Admittance of Sir William Essex, knight, and Thomas Essex,

esquire, his son and heir apparent, to the chamber where Sir Richard Sutton, knight, lately lay.

Admission of Thomas Babyngton. *Vacat quia antea.*

PARLIAMENT held on 27 November, 16 Henry VIII., A.D. 1524, before RALPH SWYLLYNGTON, JOHN SALTER, JOHN BALDWYN, WILLIAM CONYNGESBY, AUDELEY, WARD, LATTON, and others. THOMAS BROKESBY, treasurer.

Officers for Christmas :—

Steward :—Barneston ; and in default, Walshe.

Marshal :—Gyfford.

Butler :—Brudenell, T. ; and if not, Tychborne, the younger ; and if not, Onley.

Clerk of the kitchen :—Hedge.

Masters of the revels :—Carell, Morgan, Cusacke, and Bathe.

Memorandum, that on 23 January, 1524-5, William Brokesby and Richard Mytton were assigned the third upper chamber "de la Lane Syde," where Revell and Hedge lay, by Thomas Brokesby, treasurer.

Memorandum, that on 23 January, 1524-5, Richard Tracey was admitted to the chamber of John Shelley with John Colpeper, saving the right of Sir John Danett, knight, in the same chamber.

Admission of Anthony Furthe, and he is discharged from all offices and vacations for Michaelmas term, 1526.

PARLIAMENT held on 5 February, 16 Henry VIII, A.D. 1524-5, before JOHN SALTER, ANTHONY BABYNGTON, WILLIAM CONYNGSBY, FRANCIS MOUNDEFORD, JOHN PAKYNGTON, JOHN BAKER, LATTON, AUDELEY, and many others.

Carleton, who was amerced 40*s.* for the Christmas vacation, pardoned on condition that he keep another Christmas vacation. For which remission he gives to the society 10*s.*

Admittance of John Hylman to a chamber with John Scott, where William Rudhall and Lucas lately lay. To hold at their pleasure.

Admission of William Baldwyn, son and heir apparent of John Baldwyn, and he is pardoned all offices and vacations and other charges, pensions only excepted, and except also that he shall keep two vacations at Christmas, within four years, from Christmas to the morrow of the Epiphany. And by the assent of Thomas Brokesby, treasurer, he is assigned a chamber with his father, and this for a fine of 26*s.* 8*d.*, paid to the treasurer at the time of his admission.

William Molyns pardoned all vacations and offices, except the offices of steward and marshal, for a fine of 40*s.*, which he paid to the treasurer, and he is further pardoned the offices of marshal and steward for a fine of 100*s.*, whereof he paid to Ralph Swyllyngton, treasurer, 50*s.*, and to Thomas Brokesby, treasurer, 50*s.* And he is quit.

Newton amerced 40*s.* for Christmas vacation.

Hylmon amerced 40*s.* for Christmas vacation.

Master Barnardston pardoned the office of steward, because he executed the office of principal of "Davys In" at the instance of this society, for two years, and for default of reading at this Inn [he is pardoned] for a fine of 38*s.*, which he paid to Thomas Brokesby, treasurer.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 May, 17 Henry VIII., A.D. 1525, before RALPH SWYLLYNGTON, the King's attorney, FRANCIS MONDEFORT, WILLIAM CONYNGSBY, WARD, HASSALL, WHYTE, BAKER, and many others.

Pensions assessed at 2*s.*

Latton elected reader.

Attendants on the reader:—Mondeford and Audeley.

John Mores pardoned all offices, vacations, and other charges (pensions and being out of commons only excepted) and is admitted with John Pakyngton to the chamber where Robert Sheffeld lately lay, for a fine of 100*s.*, whereof he paid the treasurer 50*s.*, and the rest he will pay at the feast of All Saints.

Thomas Waldrand pardoned all offices, vacations, and other charges and pensions, and is permitted to be out of commons at his pleasure, and is admitted to a chamber, for a fine of 20*s.*, whereof he paid —— to Thomas Broksby, treasurer, at the instance of Sir

Robert Brudenell, knight, chief justice of the Common Pleas, his master.

Admission of William Garard as a member, and he is pardoned all vacations, offices, and other charges (pensions excepted) and is permitted to be out of commons at his pleasure for a fine of 3*li.*, whereof he paid to Thomas Brokesby, treasurer, 33*s.* 4*d.*. and he shall pay the rest at the feast of All Saints.

Admission of John Wyseman as a member, and he is pardoned all vacations, offices, and other charges, and has licence to be out of commons at his pleasure for a fine of 40*s.*, which he paid to the treasurer.

Thomas Brudenell, at the instance of Sir Robert Brudenell, knight, chief justice of the Common Pleas, is pardoned all offices and vacations for a fine of 40*s.*, which he paid to the treasurer.

Memorandum, that Thomas Bonham on 20 October, 1525, was admitted by Thomas Brokesby, treasurer, to the chamber where Ralph Swyllyngton, attorney general of the King, lay.

Admission of John Babyngton, second son of Anthony Babyngton, as a member, and he is discharged from all offices and all charges (commons and pensions only excepted) and has licence to be out of commons at his pleasure, at the instance of John Latton, reader for autumn, 1525, and for 40*s.* which his father paid to the reader for wine towards his reading. In witness whereof I, Thomas Brokesby, have subscribed my hand to these presents and entered the admission aforesaid in the Book of Parliaments.

General admission of John Fitzwater (*sic*) of "Barnard Yn" as a member, on the feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, 1525, at the instance of Baldwin Malett, John Baldwyn, and John Bosse. And he was admitted to the chambers where Ogle lay.

Philip Draycott discharged from all offices and all past pensions, and has licence to be out of commons at his pleasure to the 4 July, 1526, for a fine of 26*s.* 8*d.*, which he paid to the treasurer.

Admission of Richard Colyngburne, of "Cliffordys In," as a member, on 19 June, 1526 (*sic*), at the instance of John Baldwyn. And he is pardoned all offices and vacations for a fine of 40*s.*, which he paid. And he was admitted to a chamber with John Bosse.

Edmund Page pardoned all offices and vacations, past and to

come, for a fine of 26*s.* 8*d.*, which he paid to the treasurer on 9 July, 1525.

Thomas Brassy, steward of the Inner Temple, assigned a chamber in which John Skyllyng lately lay; and also John Grymysdiche is assigned the same chamber by Thomas Brokesby, treasurer.

Admission of Geoffrey Chamber as a member, and he is pardoned all offices and vacations for a fine of 20*s.*, which he paid to the treasurer.

Admission of Richard Newport, and he is pardoned all vacations and offices for a fine of 26*s.* 8*d.*, which he paid to the treasurer.

Admission of Francis Cokayn, and he is pardoned all offices, except the offices of marshal and steward, and all vacations, except the three vacations in the time of reading after his admission.

Thomas Brokesby and John Fowler assigned a chamber called "le Talbott," where Thomas Bonham lately lay.

John Champnes pardoned all offices for a fine of 4*li.* 10*s.*, which he paid the treasurer, at the instance of Henry Whyte.

John Latton pardoned all past fines for a fine of 13*s.* 4*d.*, which he paid to the treasurer.

George Vincent pardoned all vacations and offices for a fine of 20*s.*, which he paid to the treasurer. And he is assigned a chamber where Mitton (?) lately lay.

John Grymysdyche pardoned all vacations and offices for a fine of 20*s.*, which he paid to the treasurer.

PARLIAMENT held on the day of the Commemoration of All Souls, 17 Henry VIII., A.D. 1525, before FRANCIS MONDEFORD, WILLIAM CONYNGESBY, BALDWYN MALETT, NICHOLAS TICHEBURNE, and others.

Pensions assessed at 2*s.*

Reader:—Conyngesby.

Attendants:—Moundeford and Audeley.

Governors:—John Scott, Nicholas Tichburne, and Baldwin Malett.

Treasurer:—Thomas Brokesby.

PARLIAMENT held on 18 April, 17 Henry VIII., A.D. 1526, before NICHOLAS TYCHEBURNE, BALDWIN MALETT, FRANCIS MOUNDEFORD, THOMAS AUDELEY, JOHN MORES, and others.

Pensions, *2s.*
Reader :—Audeley.
Attendants :—Moundeford and Barons.

PARLIAMENT held on 14 June, 17 (*sic*) Henry VIII., A.D. 1525 [for 1526?], before JOHN SCOTT, NICHOLAS TICHEBURNE, BALDWIN MALETT, WILLIAM CONYNGESBY, FRANCIS MOUNDEFORD, and THOMAS AUDELEY.

Steward :—Seyntabyn, elected; and if not, Robert Vivian.
Marshal :—Arthur Eyr; and if not, Selman.
Butler :—Chydley; and if not, Poliver.

PARLIAMENT held on the day of the Commemoration of All Souls, 18 Henry VIII., A.D. 1526, before JOHN SCOTT, EDWARD HALYS, NICHOLAS TICHEBURNE, BALDWIN MALET, ANTHONY BABYNGTON, JOHN BALDWYN, FRANCIS MOUNDFORD, and others.

Pensions, *2s.*
Reader :—Moundeford.
Attendants :—Ward and Peter Barons.
Governors :—Scott, Tycheburne, and Malett.
Treasurer :—William Conyngesby.
Auditors of the treasurer's account :—Babyngton, A., Latton, Chydley, and Hare.
Officers for Christmas :—
Steward :—Seyntabyn; and if not, Robert Vivian; and if not, Edward Tyrell.
Marshal :—Arthur Eyr; and if not, Elmes; and if not, Wolcot.
Butler :—Polyver; and if not, Armestrong.
Admission of Alexander Umpton on the feast of All Saints, and

he is assigned a chamber where John Prestall and Nicholas Hare lately lay.

Admission of John Vampage of Clement's Inn, on St. Leonard's day. And he is assigned a chamber with Alexander Vampage.

Admission of John Webster in Christmas week, 1524.

Admission of James Criche in the week of St. Matthew the Apostle, 1524. And he is assigned a chamber where Rowland Babyngton lately lay.

Admission of Edmund Page, John Oteley, and William Baldwyn, in the first week of Lent, 1525.

Admission of Thomas Babyngton in the week of St. Dunstan, 1525.

Admission of Stanyng and De la Hyde in the week of St. Peter ad Vincula, 1525.

Admission of Garard in the week of the Nativity of St. John, 1525.

Admission of Fitzwater in the week of St. Thomas the Martyr, 1526.

Admission of John Taw in the week of St. Mary Magdalene, 1526.

Admission of John Lucas, the younger, in the week of St. Mary Magdalene, 1526.

Admission of Edmund Apowell in the week of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary, 1526.

Admission of John Bold and Alexander Feteplace in the week of the Eleven Thousand Virgins,[1] 1526.

Admission of Anthony Furthe and Alexander Umpton in the week of All Saints, 1526.

PARLIAMENT held on 16 November, 18 Henry VIII., A.D. 1526, before JOHN SCOTE, BALDWIN MALETT, THOMAS BROKYSBY, FRANCIS MOUNDEFORD, and others.

John Morys is appointed to collect the money for the wall, and he has a clear roll.

Robert Wye and John Morys, Chydley and Bromeley are

[1] The feast of the Eleven Thousand Virgins is on Oct. 21.

appointed to audit the accounts of Francis Mowndeforde, John Pakyngton, and Master Sydnam, collectors for building the wall, before the feast of St. Katherine next.

Peter Faunt le Roy pardoned all penances (*penitentibus*) for 26*s.* 8*d.*, whereof he paid to Master Chydley, deputy treasurer, 13*s.* 4*d.*

James Gerard pardoned penances and commons past, for 20*s.*, payable as it shall be agreed, and he shall enter commons. And he paid 6*s.* 8*d.*, part of the said sum.

William Brokyng pardoned all offices and vacations, at the instance of William Conyngesby, treasurer, in the place of an admission of one of the fellows to the reading of the same William in last Lent, which same William then had no admission of any fellow.

PARLIAMENT held on the day before the day of St. Edmund the King, 18 Henry VIII., A.D. 1526, before JOHN BALDWYNE, THOMAS BROKYSBY, FRANCIS MONDEFORDE, JOHN LATTON, and others.

Steward:—Franke, elected, and if not, Mymmys, and if not, Wyncote.

Marshal:—Hasyllwood, elected; and if not, Bawsi; and if not, Anthony Coope; and if not, Chesman.

Butler:—Armestrong (*crossed out*); and if not, Andrewes; and if not, Polyver.

Clerk of the kitchen:—Chydleygh.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 November, 18 Henry VIII., A.D. 1526, before JOHN SCOTE, NICHOLAS TYCHBURN, BALDWIN MALETE, FRANCIS MONDEFORD, JOHN PABYNGTON (*sic*), and others.

Steward:—Franke elected; and if not, Cruche; and if not, Browne; and if not, Deny.

Marshal:—Anthony Coope, elected; and if not, Grenfeld; and if not, Oneley.

Butler:—Armestrong elected; and if not, Polyver.

Masters of the revels:—Clowych, Tubbe, Wellys, and Page.

Constable marshal:—Prestall.

PARLIAMENT held on 4 February, 18 Henry VIII., A.D. 1526-7, before BALDWINE MALET, ANTHONY BABYNGTON, THOMAS BROKYSBY, FRANCIS MONDEFORD, JOHN PAKYNGTON, and others.

Seynt Albyn and Vyvyan amerced 10*li.* each, because, after being elected stewards, they did not come.

Arthur Eyre and Selman amerced 5*li.* each, because, after being elected marshals, they did not come.

Mitton pardoned Christmas vacations for 20*s.* paid to the treasurer.

Newton pardoned Christmas vacations for 20*s.*, which he yet owes.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 May, 19 Henry VIII., A.D. 1527, before NICHOLAS TYCHBURN, ANTHONY BABYNGTON, FRANCIS MONDEFORD, JOHN MORYS, PETER BARONS, and others.

Pension :—2*s.*

Reader :—Barons.

Attendants :—Baker, Pakyngton, and Whydon.

PARLIAMENT held on 9 July, 19 Henry VIII., A.D. 1527, before BALDWIN MALET, ANTHONY BABYNGTON, FRANCIS MONDEFORD, JOHN LATTON, PETER BARONS, and others.

Steward :—Franke, elected; and if not, Hoorde.

Marshal :—Anthony Coope, elected; and if not, Kenne.

Butler :—Androws, elected; and if not, Coton.

Admission of Edward Brysley as a member, and he is pardoned all vacations and offices, except the office of marshal, for 26*s.* 8*d.*, which he paid to the treasurer.

Admission of John Basset as a member, and he is pardoned the offices of steward and butler, at the instance of Baldwin Malette.

Admission of John Wylkowes as a member, and he is pardoned all offices, vacations, and all charges (except pensions), and has

licence to be out of commons. And he is admitted to the fifth and sixth chamber in "le Half Bastell" for 40*s.* paid to the treasurer.

Admission of John Taw as a member, and he is pardoned all offices, vacations, and other charges (except pensions), and has licence to be out of commons for a fine of 33*s.* 4*d.* And he is admitted to a chamber with Culpepper.

Admission of Ambrose Midylton in Michaelmas term last past, and he is pardoned all offices and vacations for the sum of 20*s.*, which he owes to the society.

Thomas Heyworth pardoned all offices and vacations for 26*s.* 8*d.*, paid to the treasurer.

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday, the day after the Commemoration of All Souls, 19 Henry VIII., A.D. 1527, before ANTHONY BABYNGTON, THOMAS BROKYSBY, FRANCIS MOWDEFORD, and others.

Pension :—2*s.*

Reader :—Pakyngton.

Attendants :—Baker and Whyddon.

Governors :—Scotte, Malett, and Babyngton.

Treasurer :—Mondeford.

Auditors of the treasurer's account :—Mondeforde, Barons, Hare, and Hylman.

No officers elected for Christmas because the feast was not kept as accustomed for the scarcity of corn.

Admission of Sir Christopher Wylloughby, knight, as a member, and he is pardoned all offices, vacations, and other charges (except pensions) for 26*s.* 8*d.*, which he paid to Francis Mondeford, now elected treasurer.

Admission of Thomas Godsalve, as a member, by Francis Mondeforde, reader in Lent vacation, and he is pardoned all offices, vacations, and other charges (except pensions) according to the ancient custom of admission by the reader.

Admission of Thomas Copcoote, as a member, by Peter Barone, reader in the autumn vacation, and he is pardoned all offices, etc., as above.

Admission of Thomas Saunders, as a member, in the term of

St. John the Baptist last past, and he is pardoned all vacations and offices, and has licence to be at the clerks' commons, and to be out of commons for as long as he pleases.

PARLIAMENT held on 24 November, 19 Henry VIII., A.D. 1527, before ANTHONY BABYNGTON, WILLIAM CONYNGESBY, JOHN WHYDDON, THOMAS SYDENHAM, and others.

Order that Master Adams, late steward of the Inner Temple, shall account to the treasurer for what he has received from the roll of commons, which remains in his hands for collecting the sums thereof owing, as he received it by indenture thereof between Master Brokesby and him, when he was steward, and what remains thereof unpaid.

Order that John Nyve, brewer, and John Squyer, baker of bread, be paid the arrears and debts owing them for ale and bread, when the said Adams was steward.

Order that those who shall keep commons at Christmas next be allowed one "le bore," and for the stipend of the minstrels at Christmas, 30*s*., and a cartload of coals for fuel; and those who shall keep Christmas commons within the House, shall defray all other charges of the House for the said time.

Order that Master Brokesby should show cause to the society why he should not pay 4*li*. 19*s*. 3*d*. for apparels, and also a quarter's salary to the steward, unpaid during the time of his treasurership.

Richard Clerk amerced 20*s*. because he shamefully called out divers opprobrious words within the hall of the Temple to John Hylham, of the society, saying and calling out that the same John was a "hourson knave."

PARLIAMENT held on Tuesday before the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Mary, 19 Henry VIII., A.D. 1527-8, before ANTHONY BABYNGTON, JOHN BALDEWYN, JOHN PAKYNGTON, THOMAS BROKESBY, and others.

John Askott amerced 10*s*. because one "le mote" was lost by his default, he being a party to the moot on Wednesday before the end of Michaelmas term last, whereof he paid 5*s*.

Master Flynton amerced 10*s.* because the moot was lost on Thursday following by his default, he being a party to the moot.

Order[1] that every one of the outer bar, being then in commons, be amerced 3*s.* 4*d.* according to ancient custom.

Order that John Bassett be out of commons because he assaulted the servant of Master Malett within the Temple. Afterwards, at the special suit of the same John, he was admitted into commons and the fine for his offence put in respite till next term.

PARLIAMENT held on Tuesday after the feast of the Purification, before ANTHONY BABYNGTON and others.

John Basset amerced 13*s.* 4*d.* for the above assault.

William Morton pardoned two Christmas vacations, at the instance of Master Hare and for 20*s.* paid to the treasurer.

John Fitzwater licenced to be at the clerks' commons for four years, because he is very infirm and has but a small exhibition.

Special admission of John Port, son and heir of Master Port, one of the justices of the King's Bench, and he is pardoned all offices, except the office of marshal. *Marginal note:*—Son of a judge specially admitted without fine.

Special admission of John Fraunceys, at the instance of Master Port, in like manner, for a fine of 20*s.*, which he owes.

General admission of Thomas, son and heir of John Tendale.

Marmaduke Constable pardoned two Christmas vacations. *Crossed out.*

Edmund ap Howell pardoned all offices and vacations for Christmas, except the offices of butler, marshal, and steward, for 20*s.*

Master Oneley and Master Sydenham appointed to audit the account of John Adams, late steward, before next parliament.

Order that every butler from henceforth shall exercise his office in his proper person and not by others appointed his deputies, and that no guest (*ortilam'*) or any other stranger shall from henceforth come within the buttery at any time, under the penalty of 2*d.*

And that no member, except only "lez benchers," shall from

[1] In the margin is *Amerciament pour mootes.*

henceforth come into the buttery at any time, except he serve at the door of the buttery, under penalty for every default certified by the butler for the time being, *2d.*

Order[1] that every one of the society at the masters' commons, from the end of Hilary term to the beginning of Easter following, shall pay for his commons, according to ancient custom, every week *4d.* in the name of an aid for apparels. And every member, being in commons during the said time at the clerks' commons, shall pay *3d.*, and for half a week according to the rate aforesaid.

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday after the feast of St. Philip and St. James, 20 Henry VIII., A.D. 1528, before ANTHONY BABYNGTON, JOHN TYCHEBOURNE, WILLIAM CONYGESBY, JOHN AWDELEY, and others.

Order that the orders made at the last parliament as to the payment of commons, and an aid thereof, be continued till Trinity term next.

And they assess the pensions for this term at *2s.*

Reader :—Whyddon.

Attendants :—Whyte and Chydley.

PARLIAMENT held on the day of the Commemoration of All Souls, 20 Henry VIII., A.D. 1528, before JOHN SKOTT, one of the barons of the King's Exchequer, BALDWIN MALETT, ANTHONY BABYNGTON, THOMAS BROKESBY, WILLIAM CONYNGESBY, and others.

Pension :—*2s.*

Reader :—Whyddon, he is continued because he was elected to the same office at autumn last past, and that vacation was not held.

Attendants :—Whyte and Chyddeley.

Governors :—Skott, Malett, and Babyngton.

Treasurer :—Pakyngton.

Auditors of the treasurer's account :—Brokesby, Chyddley, Bromley, and Hare.

[1] In the margin is *Ordinacio per parliamentum pro apparellis.*

Officers elected and named for Christmas :—

Steward :—Seynt Abeyn ; and if not, Selman ; and in default of Selman, Frank.

Marshal :—Anthony Cope ; and if not, Grenefyld, R. ; and if not, Baynard.

Butler :—Andrewes ; and if not, Prowys ; and if not, Polyver or Webster.

Admission of Henry Jernyngham as a member, at the instance of Master Skott, one of the barons of the Exchequer, and he is pardoned all offices and vacations (except being out of commons at his pleasure, and being marshal) for 26*s.* 8*d.*, paid to Francis Moundeford, then treasurer.

John Vampage pardoned all offices, vacations, and other charges (except pensions) for a fine of 40*s.* paid to the treasurer for the use of the society.

Marmaduke Constable pardoned all offices and vacations (except the office of marshal) for 40*s.*, which he paid.

William Sheldon pardoned all offices and vacations (except the office of marshal) for 40*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday before the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, 20 Henry VIII., A.D. 1528, before JOHN SCOT, one of the barons of the Exchequer, ANTHONY BABYNGTON, THOMAS BROKESBY, and JOHN PAKYNGTON, treasurer.

Alexander Umpton pardoned all offices and vacations (except being steward or marshal) for a fine of 40*s.*

Thomas Seynt Talbion[1] pardoned all offices and vacations, for a fine of 4*li.*

Richard Andrewys pardoned all offices, vacations, amercements, and fines for a fine of 4 marks.

John Shelley, son and heir of William Shelley, one of the King's justices, pardoned all offices and vacations. *Crossed out.*

[1] For Saint Aubyn (?).

PARLIAMENT held on 4 February, 20 Henry VIII., A.D. 1528-9, before JOHN SCOT, one of the barons of the Exchequer, ANTHONY BABYNGTON, JOHN BAWDWYN, THOMAS BROKESBY, HENRY WHITE, and others. JOHN PAKYNGTON being treasurer.

Grant of an aid to be levied upon the members for the relief of divers matters for the use of the House, that is to say, from every knight or other admitted to the bench, 6*s.* 8*d.*; from every outer barrister, 4*s.*; from other members at the masters' commons, 3*s.*, and at the clerks' commons, 20*d.*

PARLIAMENT held on Monday, 26 April, 21 Henry VIII., A.D. 1529, before NICHOLAS TYCHEBURN, THOMAS BROKESBY, PETER BARNES (*sic*), and others.

Pension :—2*s.*

Reader :—Chiddeley.

Attendants :—Baker and Onley.

Admission of Thomas Guybon, at the instance of John Widdon, late reader in Lent vacation, 1529, and he is pardoned all vacations and offices, as well at Christmas as at other times, and has licence to be in or out of commons when he pleases for 40*s.*, which he paid to John Whiddon to the use of the society for wine in the time of the reading of the said John.

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday, 20 June, 21 Henry VIII., A.D. 1529, before NICHOLAS TYCHEBURN, FRANCIS MOUNDEFORD, JOHN LATTON, and others.

Steward :—Frank; in default, Stokes; or in default, Lovell.

Marshal :—Anthony Cope; in default, Grenefeld, R.; or in default, Beynard.

Butler :—Prouiz; in default, Polyver; or in default, Webster.

PARLIAMENT held on the day of the Commemoration of All Souls, 21 Henry VIII., A.D. 1529, before JOHN SHOT (*sic*), one of the barons of the Exchequer, NICHOLAS TYCHEBURN, ANTHONY BABYNGTON, and THOMAS BROKESBY.

Pension :—2*s*.

Reader :—Baker.

Attendants :—Lackton and Onley.

Governors :—Shott (*sic*) and Malet.

Treasurer :—Pakyngton.

Auditors of the treasurer's account :—Babyngton, White, Moyne, and Bradhowe.

Steward :—Martin; in default, Maynard; and in default of Maynard, Onley.

Marshal :—Cope.

Butler :—Prouiz, in default, Polyver; and in default, Webster.

Admission of Thomas Wheler, late of "Clementes Inne," and he is pardoned all offices and vacations and other charges (except pensions). And he has licence to be at the clerks' commons for three years for a fine of 40*s*., paid to the treasurer.

Order that he who reads in the Inner Temple in the autumn, shall from henceforth be steward and exercise the office of steward there for the Christmas before his reading, unless any other member, appointed by the society, shall take upon him the execution of the same office before the feast of All Saints, next before the reading, in every year. The same order to continue hereafter for ever.

PARLIAMENT held on —— November, 21 Henry VIII., A.D. 1529, before NICHOLAS STYCHEBURN (*sic*), BALDWIN MALET, ANTHONY BABYNGTON, THOMAS BROKESBY, WILLIAM CONYNGESBY, and others.

Order that Caryll, the elder, Bradshawe, Moign, and Beamont, on account of divers quarrels, shall be out of commons and shall not lie in their chambers in the Inner Temple, and that each of them shall pay before his re-entry into commons, 20*s*.

Order that Master Caryll, the elder, shall be reader of "Lyons Inne," and he shall be presented by the treasurer and Sydenham to the society of "Lyons Inne," according to the decree made by the chancellor of England and the King's justices.

PARLIAMENT held on 4 February, 21 Henry VIII., A.D. 1529-30, before ANTHONY BABYNGTON, JOHN LATTON, PETER BARNES, THOMAS BONHAM, and others.

Order that the treasurer shall have authority to diminish the pensions and amercements of members in debt to the society, at his discretion. And he shall likewise have power to assess the fines for the special admissions of Master Fitz William and Master Bishop, at his discretion.

Order that Master Beamont shall be reader of "Clementes Inne," and shall be presented to the same by Master Anthony Babyngton, on Monday next, according to the decree thereof made by the chancellor of England and the King's justices.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 February, 21 Henry VIII., A.D. 1529-30, before BALDWIN MALET, ANTHONY BABYNGTON, JOHN BAWDEWYN, FRANCIS MUNDEFORD, JOHN LATTON, PETER BARNES, and others.

Order that Bartholomew Proutz be amerced 40*s.* because he arrested Nicholas Ticheburn, one of this society, in Westminster Hall by writ of privilege (*privinalegio*) at the suit of the same Bartholomew, the leave of this society not having been obtained.

Order that Master Symondes, who lost a vacation at Christmas last, shall keep another vacation at Christmas next or pay 20*s.*, at his pleasure.

Richard Selmon pardoned the office of steward and all other offices in the Inn and all fines, amercements, and charges alleged against him for 6*li.*, which be paid to John Pakyngton, treasurer, in the inn (*hospicio*) of the Temple.

Order that pensions, amercements, and fines, now due or hereafter to be due, shall be paid to the society by the treasurer or his

deputy, being twice asked, and if any, so indebted to the said treasurer, should refuse to pay, that then the treasurer for the time being shall have power to expel such an one, not paying, out of commons, and that he shall not lay (being so out of commons) within the House of the Inner Temple during that time and until he make payment.

PARLIAMENT held on —— May, 21[1] Henry VIII., A.D. 1529, before THOMAS AUDELEY, JOHN LACTON (*sic*), PETER BARNES, and others.

Pension :—2*s.*

Reader :—Onley.

Attendants :—White and Chidley.

Beynard pardoned the office of steward and all other offices, fines, amercements, pensions, and all other charges, for a fine of 4*li.*, which be paid to the treasurer.

Fleyr pardoned all offices, amercements, pensions, and all other charges for a fine of 40*s.*, which he paid to the treasurer.

PARLIAMENT held on —— June, 22 Henry VIII., A.D. 1530, before NICHOLAS TYCHEBURN and JOHN AUDELEY.

Steward :—Strode ; and if not, Pygot, F. ; and if not, Sidnaham.

Marshal :—Carill ; and if not, Dakers ; and if not, Presthall.

Butler :—Gatager, Tracy, Apowell, Wescote, or Skynner, the elder.

Clerk of the kitchen ;—Broke.

Admission of William Herbert, and he is pardoned all offices and vacations for 20*s.*, which he paid.

John Adamps pardoned all offices, vacations, and pensions past for a fine of 4*li.*, which he paid.

Admission of William Heyward, and he is pardoned all offices and vacations for a fine of 20*s.*, which he paid.

John Marten pardoned all offices, vacations, fines, pensions, and amercements for a fine of 4*li.*, which he paid.

[1] Apparently a mistake for 22 Henry VIII., A.D. 1530.

PARLIAMENT held on the day of the Commemoration of All Souls, 22 Henry VIII., A.D. 1530, before THOMAS AUDELYE, speaker of the King's parliament, BALDWIN MALETT, NICHOLAS TECHEBURNE, FRANCIS MUMFORT, HENRY WHYTE, and others.

Reader :—Audeley; and in default, White.
Attendants: Hasshall and Sidenham.
Governors :—Skot, Malet, and Babyngton.
Treasurer :—Pakyngton.
Auditors of the account :— ———

Order that —— Parkyns be discharged from serving all offices, except those of steward and reader.

Order for a reasonable aid to be levied upon the members of the Inner Temple for the relief of divers charges of the House, viz. :—from each one admitted to the bench, 13*s.* 4*d.*; from each outer barrister, 10*s.*; and from each other member at the masters' commons, 6*s.* 8*d.*; and from those at the clerks' commons, 5*s.*, to be paid in four equal instalments, viz. :—the first payment to begin in Hilary term next, the second in Easter term, the third in Trinity term, and the fourth in Michaelmas term.

Order that Thomas Audeley, speaker of the parliament, shall have a door out of his chamber into the library of this House, if it be not hereafter to the nuisance of the members of the same House.

Admission of George Acworthe of "Tavys Inne," and he is pardoned all offices and vacations, as well at Christmas as other vacations in the time of reading, except the offices of marshal and steward at Christmas, for a fine of 20*s.*, which he paid.

Admission of Edward Capell of "Tavis Inne," and he is pardoned all offices, as above, for a fine of 20*s.*, which he paid.

PARLIAMENT held on 26 November, 22 Henry VIII., A.D. 1530, before JOHN BAKER, FRANCIS MOUNDFORD, THOMAS BONHAM, PETER BARNES, and others.

Admission of —— Shirlok of "Cliffordes Inne," at the instance and on the security of Thomas Cusak.

PARLIAMENT held on 5 February, 22 Henry VIII., A.D. 1530-1, before ANTHONY BABYNGTON, THOMAS BROKESBY, FRANCIS MOUNDEFORD, PETER BARNES, and others.

Whereas John Pakyngton received the King's writ for becoming a serjeant-at-law at the feast of All Saints next, and by virtue thereof he was elected reader for Lent now following, yet the said John alleges that he is exempt from such office by letters patent, and does not intend to undertake it, if his letters aforesaid can discharge him; it is therefore considered that if the said John should accept the office of serjeant, he shall pay 10*li.* for not exercising the office of reader; and if he be discharged from the office of serjeant, that then he be not charged with the sum aforesaid.

Admission of Michael Purffrey, and he is pardoned all offices, vacations, and all charges (pensions excepted) for a fine of 20*s.*, which he paid.

Admission of — Faraunt (?), and he is pardoned all offices and vacations (pensions excepted) for a fine of 20*s.*, which he paid.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 May, 23 Henry VIII., A.D. 1531, before BALDWIN MALET, JOHN BAWDEWYN, and others.

Reader:—Bawdewyn; in default, Sydenham; and in default, Audeley.

Attendants:—Latton and Hare.

Admission of Richard Blakwell, late of "Clementes Inne," and he is pardoned all offices, vacations, and other charges, except pensions, and may be out of commons at his pleasure, except when he shall lie in the House, for a fine of 30*s.*, which he paid.

Whereas John Baldwyn received the King's writ to be a serjeant-at-law at the feast of All Saints next, and by virtue of the same was elected to be reader for the autumn vacation next, yet the said John alleges that he is exempt from such office by letters patent, and he does not intend to undertake it, if his letters aforesaid can discharge him; therefore it is considered that if the said John accept the office of serjeant, he shall pay 10*li.* for not exercising the office of reader;

and if he be discharged from the office of serjeant, that then he be not charged with the said sum.

Thomas Bishop pardoned all vacations and offices, except the office of clerk of the kitchen and steward, for a fine of 30*s.*, which he paid.

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday after the feast of St. Thomas the Martyr, 23 Henry VIII., A.D. 1531, before JOHN BAWDEWYN, and others.

Steward :—Strode, Barnardyston, Gifford, and Hare.
Marshal :—Dauncy and Dacres.
Butler :—Carill, Tracy, and Westcote.

PARLIAMENT held on the day of Commemoration of All Souls, 23 Henry VIII., A.D. 1531, before ANTHONY BABYNGTON, WILLIAM CONYSBEY, FRANCIS MOUNDEFORD, THOMAS BONHAM, and others.

Reader :—Hassell.
Attendants :—Warde and Bromeley.
Governors :—Shok,[1] Mallet, and Babyngton.
Treasurer :—Pakyngton.
Pensioner :— ——
Auditors of the account :— ——
Clerk of the kitchen :—Clough ; in default Porter or Polsted.

Admission of Anthony Porter, and he is pardoned all offices and vacations and all other charges, pensions excepted, for a fine of 40*s.*, which he paid.

[1] Mistake for Skot.

PARLIAMENT held on 4 February, 23 Henry VIII., A.D. 1531-2, before JOHN SALTER, ANTHONY BABYNGTON, JOHN LACTON, and others.

Admission of Morgan Perpoient, and he is pardoned all offices and vacations, except the offices of steward and marshal, for a fine of 40*s.*, which he paid.

Bartholomew Prouiz, amerced 6*s.* 8*d.* because he did not exercise the office of butler at the feast of the Purification last past.

—— Thawe and —— Polsted, for divers offences committed against the society, shall be in commons if they are in the City or suburbs of the same, or if they lie in the Inner Temple, and that their special admissions shall be void and revoked.

Admission of Adam Pilkyngton, and he is pardoned all offices and vacations at the instance of Richard Hassall, reader, for a fine of 40*s.*, which he paid to the said Richard Hassall for wine at the time of his reading.

Order that no member of the society, having licence to be out of commons, shall lie in his chamber within the Temple, unless he be in commons at that time.

Order that cases shall not be exchanged, unless together in one term, under the penalty of 6*s.* 8*d.*

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday, 21 April, 23 Henry VIII., A.D. 1532, before BALDWIN MALET, ANTHONY BABYNGTON, THOMAS BROKESBY, WILLIAM CONISBY, and others.

Order that none of the society shall play at the game called "shobebord," nor at dice or cards (?) [1] within the House of the Temple under the penalty of 3*s.* 4*d.* each.

[1] The word here in the original is *carpas*, but as no such word signifying a game, can be found, it seems probable that the clerk who inserted the entry wrote it by mistake for *cardas* or *cartas*. Cards were well known in England in the fifteenth century, and were so common in 1541 that artificers and others were forbidden by statute to play at them, under certain circumstances (Chatto's "History of Playing Cards," pp. 96, 107, etc.). Compare the Order of the Parliament of the Inner Temple of 20 January, 1561. For the game of "shobebord," or shuffle board, see Strutt's "Sports and Pastimes," 2nd edit., p. 263.

Reader:—Nicholas Hare.

Attendants:—Onley and Broke.

General admission of Thomas Talbot, gentleman, at the instance of Master Rothe and Master Cadell.

Order that William Yat shall be house butler (*mancipium*) of this House till the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. For exercising which office he shall have the fee of old time due, and during the same term he shall buy all victuals for the society, and the steward shall deliver to him the necessary money from time to time.

John Adamps pardoned all offices, vacations, fines, amercements, and pensions past for a fine of 4*li.*, which he paid.

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday, the feast of St. Thomas the Martyr, 24 Henry VIII., A.D. 1532, before BALWIN MALET, JOHN LATTON, and others.

Steward:—Gooddolphyn; and in default, Gifford; and in default, Strode; and in default, Hare.

Marshal:—Brudenell; and in default, Caryll; and in default, Dakers.

Butler:—Tracy, Preshall, Darell, and Polsted.

Admission of John Payn, late principal of "Clementes Inne," for divers causes and for a fine of 20*s.*, which he paid to the treasurer. And he is pardoned all offices and vacations and all other charges whatsoever (pensions excepted).

Admission of Richard Fitzwater of Wraysbury (*Werardisbury*), in the county of Buckingham, gentleman, for a fine of 35*s.*, which he paid to the treasurer. And he is pardoned all offices, vacations, and all other charges whatsoever (except pensions).

PARLIAMENT held on Friday, 22 November, 24 Henry VIII., A.D. 1532, before FRANCIS MONDEFORD, JOHN LATTON, JOHN ONELEY, NICHOLAS HARE, THOMAS BROMELEY, and DAVID BROKE.

Reader:—Latton.

Attendants:—Syndenham and Bromley.

Governors:—Babyngton, knight, Malet, and Baker.

Treasurer:—Pakyngton.

PARLIAMENT held on Wednesday, 5 February, 24 Henry VIII., A.D. 1532-3, before SIR ANTHONY BABYNGTON, knight, JOHN LACTON, ROBERT CHIDDELEY, THOMAS SYDENHAM, NICHOLAS HARE, and others.

Admission of Thomas Pyke, gentleman, and he is pardoned all offices, vacations, and all other charges (pensions excepted) for a fine of 53*s.* 4*d.* And he may be out of commons at his pleasure, if he does not lie in this House.

Admission of Anthony Welsshe, and he is pardoned all offices, vacations, and all other charges (pensions excepted) for a fine of 40*s.*, which he paid to the treasurer.

Admission of Richard Duke, and he is pardoned all offices, vacations, and all charges (pensions excepted) for a fine of 40*s.*

William Symondes, the elder, pardoned all offices and vacations, and all charges (pensions excepted) for a fine of 40*s.*, paid to the treasurer.

Admission of William Herward, and he is pardoned all offices and vacations, at the instance of Master Hare, reader, for the sum of 10*s.*, which he paid to the same Master Hare for wine in the time of his reading.

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday, —— May, 25 Henry VIII., A.D. 1533, before HENRY WHITE and JOHN LACTON.

Reader :—Thomas Bromley.

Attendants :—Chideley and Polsted.

Admission of John Whadham, and he is pardoned all offices, vacations, and all other charges (pensions excepted) for a fine of 30*s.*, paid to the treasurer.

Admission of Edward Asshefeld, and he is pardoned all offices, vacations, and all other charges (pensions excepted) for a fine of 30*s.*

"Itt is agreyd and ordered in thys present parleament, that for dyverse offences and contempys by John Lucas commytted and don, and for that he dyd dysobey the reader and other the benchers of thys House, and also for asmoche as he dyd confeterat wyth diverse

gentylmen of thys compeny and by hys meanes and exortation caused a gret sort of them to goo wyth hym wylfully out of comyns, and seyd that they wold set uppe a nother Howse of Court, whereby the vacasyon last past was lyke to have ben broken uppe and nat kepte, and also spake dyverse and many hauty and unfyttyng wordes, contray to the good orders and rules of thys Howse, to the most parleyst ensample tha moche (*sic*) hathe ben sen, that the seyd John Lucas shall paye 5*li.* to the compeny for hys fyne in that behaulf, and yf he refuse so to doo, then to be put out of comyns and nat to lye within the Howse.

"Item, it is further orderyd that Ottley, Wyloughby, Basset, and Symondes, for that they were aydyng, assystyng, and parte takyng wyth the seyd Lucas in the premysses, that every of them shall pay to the use of the compeny 20*s.*, or els to be put out of comyns and nat to lye in the seyd Howse."

PARLIAMENT held on 25 June, 25 Henry VIII., A.D. 1533, before SIR ANTHONY BABYNGTON, knight, FRANCIS MOUNDEFORD, THOMAS BROKESBY, JOHN LATTON, JOHN ONLEY, and others.

Steward:—Giffard, or Strode, and in default, Broke.

Marshal:—Caryll, Dakers, or Tracy.

Butler:—Presthall or Darell.

Admission of Michael Barkeley, and he is pardoned all offices, vacations, and all other charges (pensions excepted) for a fine of 20*s.*, paid to the treasurer.

John Waldram pardoned all offices, vacations, fines, amercements and all other charges (pensions excepted) for a fine of 3*li.*

Bond by Thomas Waldram to pay all debts and duties to the company of the Inner Temple for John Waldram, his son, and that the said John shall obey and stand to all the rules and ordinances of the same.

Admission of John Seyntabyn, son and heir apparent of Thomas Seyntabyn, esquire, on 4 July, 1533. And he is pardoned all offices, vacations, and other charges (pensions excepted) for a fine of 40*s.*

Admission of Richard Litelton, son and heir apparent of Edward Littelton, esquire, and he is pardoned all offices, vacations, and all other charges (pensions excepted) for a fine of 20*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on 25 October, 25 Henry VIII., A.D. 1533, before THOMAS BROKESBY, FRANCIS MOUNTFFORD, and JOHN LACTON.

Thomas Polsted, because he did not attend on Master Bromley, reader in the autumn vacation, 20*s.* From Master Cheddeley, for the like, 20*s.* From Master Beamont, for the like, 20*s.* From Master Bradshawe, for one week, 6*s.* 8*d.* From Master Moign, for default of two weeks in the same vacation, 13*s.* 4*d.* *Entry crossed out.*

PARLIAMENT held on the day of the Commemoration of All Souls, 25 Henry VIII., A.D. 1533, before SIR ANTHONY BABYNGTON, knight, T. BROKISBY, FRANCIS MONDEFORD, JOHN LATTON, and RICHARD WARD.

Pension :— ——.

Reader for Lent :—Warde.

Attendants on the reader :—Chidley and Broke.

Treasurer :—Baker.

Governors :—Babyngton, knight, Brokysby, and Conyngsby.

Auditors of the account of John Pakyngton, last treasurer :—Brokysby, Chideley, Caryll, and Otteley.

Officers elected for Christmas :—

Steward :—Gyfford ; in default, Strode ; and in default, Broke.

Marshal :—Dakers ; and in default, Caryll.

Butler :—Tracy ; in default, White, the younger ; and in default, Bough.

Clerk of the kitchen :—Otteley.

Constable marshal :—Lupton.

Common serjeant :—Whayte.

Masters of the revels :—Holys, Fermour, the younger, Talbot and Talbot.

Admission of John Ampcotes, of "Clementes Inne," and he is pardoned all offices, vacations, and all other charges (pensions excepted) for a fine of 26*s.* 8*d.*, which he paid to the treasurer.

Admission of John Brace, of "Clementes Inne," and he is pardoned, as above.

PARLIAMENT held on 5 November, 25 Henry VIII., A.D. 1533, before SIR ANTHONY BABYNGTON, knight, THOMAS BROKESBY, FRANCIS MONDEFFORD, JOHN BAKER, recorder of London, JOHN CHIDELEY, and others.

Order that John Baker, who was elected treasurer at the last parliament, be discharged from that office, and that he shall exercise the same next year at his desire. And Henry White is elected treasurer for this year.

PARLIAMENT held on 29 January, 25 Henry VIII., A.D. 1533-4, before SIR ANTHONY BABYNGTON, knight, THOMAS BROKESBY, RICHARD WARDE, and others.

George Gifford amerced 10*li.* for not exercising the office of steward. *Entry crossed out and "pardoned" in margin.*

Richard Strod and David Broke, amerced 10*li.* each for not exercising the office of steward. Tracy and Thomas Whight amerced 5*li.* each for not exercising the office of butler. *Crossed out and in margin "All pardoned."*

Admission of William Gawyn, of "New In," at the instance of Robert Kelwey and Thomas Saunder, and he is pardoned all offices, vacations, and all other charges whatsoever (pensions excepted), and has licence to be out of commons at his pleasure for a fine of 40*s.*, which he paid to Henry Whight, then treasurer of the Inner Temple in "Flete Strete."

Admission of Henry Whyght, of "Lyons In," at the instance of Thomas Whyght, his brother, and he is pardoned all offices, vacations, and all other charges whatsoever (pensions only excepted) and has licence to be at the clerks' commons for as long as he will, and to be out of commons at his pleasure, otherwise the aforesaid Henry might be admitted to the Middle Temple, at the instance of Master Inglefyld, one of the justices of Common Pleas, where the same Henry was promised to have like liberty, wherefore it is granted to the same Henry that he may freely and quietly enjoy the aforesaid liberties, in form aforesaid.

PARLIAMENT held on 5 February, 25 Henry VIII., A.D. 1533-4, before SIR ANTHONY BABYNGTON, knight, THOMAS BROKESBY, JOHN LATTON, RICHARD WARDE, and others.

"Att this parliament Jhon Pakyngton, late treasoror of the Inner Temple, which hath takyn many and sundre payns in the buyldyng of the walle betwene the Thamez and the garden of the seyd Temple, which also hathe takyn lyke payns or gretter in buyldyng and settyng uppe of the newe chambers, lately made betwene the lybrarey and the logginges callyd Baryngton's Rentes, and also in zelyng[1] of the halle, the seyd John Pakyngton, of his fre wyll and goodnes, which he hathe borne and yet dothe towerdes the compeny of the seyd Temple, hathe geven unto the seyd companey x*li.* of good money towerdes the apparelles of the seyd Temple, which he hathe delyvered unto Henry Whight, now treasoror, for which ytt is ordenyd and estableshed by this parlyament that all the seyd new chambers betwene the lybrarey and Barington's Rentes, be from hens forthe namyd and callyd Pakyngton's Rentes, and the seyd companey, for his greate dyligens, labors, and payns takyn for the greate profet of the Howse of the seyd Temple, gevyth unto hym hartey thankes."

"Memorandum, that I, Henry Whight, treasoror, have receyvyd the cuppe of John Pakyngton, late treasoror, which was gevyn unto this compeney by Master Sutton, late felow of the seyd company."

John Hungerford, son and heir apparent of Sir Anthony Hungerford, knight, pardoned all offices, vacations, and all other charges whatsoever (pensions excepted), and has licence to be out of commons at his pleasure, for a fine of 40*s.*, which the said John paid to the treasurer.

Admission of Richard Stapleton, esquire, son and heir apparent of Sir Brian Stapleton, knight, and he has licence to be out of commons at his pleasure, and is pardoned all offices and attendances whatsoever (pensions only excepted) at the instance of Richard Warde, reader for Lent, 1534, for one pipe of wine to the value of 46*s.* 8*d.*

[1] For ceiling (?).

PARLIAMENT held on 26 April, 26 Henry VIII., A.D. 1534, before FRANCIS MONDEFORD, JOHN LATTON, and others.

Order that John Bysshoppe ought not from henceforth to leave the chamber in which he now lies until he be further advised by the treasurer and masters of the bench, and that William Crofton ought to lie in the said chamber where Bisshoppe before lay, and to have and enjoy the study in the said chamber without any disturbance.

Robert Brent pardoned all offices, vacations, and other charges and attendances (pensions excepted), and may be out of commons at his pleasure for a fine of 35*s.*, which he paid.

Licence to William Crofton, for divers considerations, and principally because he had not sufficient exhibition, to sit and have his place at the clerks' commons for as long as he pleased, paying only for his commons, which licence was not given without great deliberation and advice of the parliament.

John Andrewes pardoned all offices, except those of marshal, steward, and butler, for 20*s.*, paid to the treasurer, and the same John is pardoned one vacation because he attended and served a vacation before the said liberty was granted to him.

PARLIAMENT held on 18 May, 26 Henry VIII., A.D. 1534, before FRANCIS MONDEFORD, JOHN LATTON, JOHN HARE, and others.

Reader :—Broke.

Attendants :—Whyddon and Moyn.

PARLIAMENT held on 21 June, 26 Henry VIII., A.D. 1534, before SIR ANTHONY BABYNGTON, knight, FRANCIS MONDEFORD, JOHN LATTON, JOHN HARE, and others.

John Huchecok pardoned all offices, vacations, and other charges and attendances (except pensions and the offices of steward and butler), and may be out of commons at his pleasure, at the special request of Henry Whight, treasurer, and for a fine of 26*s.* 8*d.*

PARLIAMENT held on 7 July, 26 Henry VIII., A.D. 1534, before FRANCIS MONDEFORD, JOHN HARE, THOMAS MOYN, DAVID BROKE, and others.

Steward :—Gyfforde, in default Strode, and in default Moyn.
Marshal :—Tracey, in default Dakers, and in default Caryll.
Butler :—Prestall, in default Darell, and in default Bough.

PARLIAMENT held on the day of the Commemoration of All Souls, 26 Henry VIII., A.D. 1534, before WILLIAM CONYNGESBY, FRANCIS MONDEFORD, JOHN MORES, JOHN ONLEY, JOHN LATTON, and others.

Reader for Lent :—David Broke.
Attendants on the reader :—Wyddon and Moyn.
Treasurer :—John Latton.
Auditors for the account of Henry Whight, late treasurer :—Hare, Moyn, Oteley, and Willougby.
Steward for Christmas :—George Gyfford.
Marshal :—Tracey, in default Dakers, and in default Carill.
Butler :—Prestall, in default Darell, and in default Bough.
Memorandum, that John Fitz is discharged from this society.
John Mores pardoned being in commons for a fine of 40*s.*, provided always that if the said John should be present here in town in term time, that then he ought to be charged one week in every term if he should be present three times in the same.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 November, 26 Henry VIII., A.D. 1534, before THOMAS BROKYSBY, NICHOLAS HARE, HENRY BRADSCHAW, DAVID BROKE, and others.

Strowde fined 10*li.* because he refused to serve the office of steward.
David Broke, for the like, 10*li.*, which for divers considerations is remitted to 5*li.*

Tracy for making default in exercising the office of marshal, 5*li.*

Dakers elected marshal, Hasylwod and Caryll elected in his default.

Butler :—Prestall, Bowgh, and Potkyn.

Clerk of the kitchen :—Otley.

Masters of the revels :—Inglich, Goodale, Bowlles, and Hollys.

PARLIAMENT held on the vigil of St. Thomas the Apostle, 26 Henry VIII., A.D. 1534, before NICHOLAS HARE, DAVID BROKE, and ONLEY.

John Charlys elected one of the masters of the revels for default of Bowlles, provided that if Bowlles should make default that then he shall bear the charges of Charlys.

Francis Chok elected constable of the Tower, and in default John Mallet.

Butler :—Smythe, Sakvyle, and Potkyn.

Marshal :—Dakers, in default Hasylwod, and in default Carell.

Admission of John Lewson on 27 November, 1534.

Admission of Francis Meveroll on 5 February, 1534-5, and he was admitted to the chamber where Wescot lies.

PARLIAMENT held on 31 January, 26 Henry VIII., A.D. 1534-5, before NICHOLAS HARE, —— BRADSCHAW, and others.

Dakers, for not exercising the office of marshal, is fined 5*li.*

Hasylwod, for the like, 5*li.*

Prestall, for not exercising the office of butler, fined 5*li.*

Bowgh, for the like, 5*li.*

Smyth, for the like, 5*li.*

Sakvyle, for the like, 5*li.*

John Goodale, for not exercising the office of master of the revels, fined 40*s.*

Order that an outer barrister who shall be in "le mote" and an inner barrister, or their sufficient deputies, shall sit every week upon the accounts, under a penalty of 2*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on 7 February, 26 Henry VIII., A.D. 1534-5, before FRANCIS MONFORD, RICHARD WARD, NICHOLAS HARE, JOHN BROMLEY, —— BEAMOND, and —— BRADSCHAW.

The fine of 5*li.*, which David Broke ought to pay for not exercising the office of steward, is remitted to 53*s.* 4*d.*, on condition that he shall pay 26*s.* 8*d.* this term, and 26*s.* 8*d.* next term.

The fine of 53*s.* 4*d.* on Thomas Moyn for vacations, remitted to 20*s.* upon condition that he pay it in this term.

The fine of 30*s.* upon John Bradschaw for vacations remitted to 13*s.* 4*d.* on condition that he pay 6*s.* 8*d.* this term, and 6*s.* 8*d.* before the feast of the Ascension.

The fine of 20*s.* upon Beamond for vacations remitted to 13*s.* 4*d.*, upon condition that he pay 6*s.* 8*d.* this term and 6*s.* 8*d.* at the beginning of next.

Admission of William Walter on 12 February, 1534-5, at the instance of Thomas Bromley, late reader, and for the cost of his wine. And the same Walter is discharged from all offices, vacations, and feasts, and all other charges whatsoever (pensions only excepted), and may be in or out of commons at his pleasure so long as he does not lie within this House.

Admission of John Dyon, at the instance of Thomas Moyne, on 13 February, 1534-5, and at the special request of the said Thomas. And for 26*s.* 8*d.* he is discharged from all offices and vacations, except the office of steward or marshal.

Admission of Henry Hussey on 16 February, 1534-5.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 April, 27 Henry VIII., A.D. 1535.

Reader:—Thomas Moyn.

Attendants on the reader:—Chidley and Bradschaw.

Pensions assessed at 2*s.*

Admission of Richard Leftwyche on 8 May, 1535. Pledge, Humphrey Hurlstone, at whose instance he was admitted.

Chediocus (*sic*) Pawlet pardoned all offices and vacations, at the instance of Sir William Pawlet, knight, and he has licence to be at the clerks' commons for two years.

PARLIAMENT held on 20 June, 27 Henry VIII., A.D. 1535, before FRANCIS MONFORD and NICHOLAS HARE.

Steward :—Cheseman, in default Tracey, in default Ogle, and in default Bradschaw.

Marshal :—Smythe, Ascot and Caryll.

Butler :—Skynner, James, in default Appowell, and in default, Holles.

Robert Dakers pardoned all offices, vacations, and amercements for the payment of 53*s.* 4*d.*, paid to John Latton, treasurer.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 July, 27 Henry VIII., A.D. 1535, before NICHOLAS HAR, RICHARD WARD, and others.

Admission of Henry Legh, and he is pardoned all offices, vacations, and commons (pensions only excepted), at the instance of Thomas Moyne, reader in autumn, for 40*s.* fine, to be paid to the same Thomas for wine.

PARLIAMENT held on 12 November, 27 Henry VIII., A.D. 1535.

John Whyddon elected reader.

Steward :—Cheseman, in default Traci, and in default Ogle.

Marshal :—Edmond Smyth, *crossed out*, in default Ascot, and in default Carill.

Butler :—Appowell, and in default Holles.

PARLIAMENT held on 20 November, 27 Henry VIII., A.D. 1535.

Governors :—Sir Anthony Babington, knight, John Baker, attorney, Francis Mounford, and William Conysby.

Reader :—John Whyddon.

Attendants :—Chydley and Bradschaw.

Order that the officers shall have the usual allowance, when the feast of Christmas is not kept with the accustomed solemnity.

Admission of Richard Bedwell and he is pardoned all offices and vacations at the instance of John Whyddon, then reader.

PARLIAMENT held on 6 February, 27 Henry VIII., A.D. 1535-6, before ANTHONY BABYNGTON, JOHN CHAMON, THOMAS BROKYSBY, and others.

Order that the amercements of the bakers and brewers should not exceed 20*s*., and the steward for Christmas be charged with the rest.

Order that every one of the society being at masters' commons till the beginning of Easter term next, shall pay for commons according to the ancient custom of the Inner Temple; and moreover each one shall pay every week 4*d*. for an aid for apparels. And every member being at the clerks' commons for the aforesaid time shall pay 3*d*., and for half a week according to the same rate.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 February, 27 Henry VIII., A.D. 1535-6, before ANTHONY BABINGTON, JOHN CHAMOND, THOMAS BROKYSBY, JOHN BROKE, GEORGE GYFFORD, and others.

Order that every one who was in commons in the week before this term ought to pay 4*d*. beyond the usual commons because they began commons before the day appointed by parliament, and that John Pakkyngton shall pay the rest of the apparels of the same week beyond the common allowance of officers.

Order that every one of the bench shall pay for discharge of apparels for the three weeks at Christmas 20*d*., by assent of those of the bench, so that it be not had for a precedent, because the steward ought to discharge the apparels for Christmas (*Kyrstmas*).

Admission of Thomas Tycheborne, and he is pardoned all offices and vacations, except the office of steward, and has licence to be at the clerks' commons for two years and to be out of commons for the first year at his pleasure, for a fine of 20*s*., paid to John Latton.

Admission of James Harryngton, and he is pardoned all offices, except the offices of steward and marshal, for a fine of 20*s*.

PARLIAMENT held on 18 May, 28 Henry VIII., A.D. 1536.

Reader :—Bradschaw.
Attendants :—Chydley and Moyne.

PARLIAMENT held on 4 July, 28 Henry VIII., A.D. 1536.

Admission of John Plandon on 6 July, 1536 and he is pardoned all offices and vacations for 26*s.* 8*d.*, paid to the treasurer.

Amercement of the brewers respited.

Amercement of the steward respited.

Admission of Francis Fitz Wylliam on 2 July, 1536, and he is pardoned and discharged all offices and vacations, except the office of steward, for 33*s.* 4*d.*, paid to the treasurer.

Admission of William Latton on 4 July, 1536, by John Latton, then treasurer.

PARLIAMENT held on — July, 28 Henry VIII., A.D. 1536, before SIR JOHN CHAMAN, knight, JOHN BAKER, FRANCIS MONFORD, DAVID BROKE, and others.

Officers elected for Christmas :—
Steward :—Chesman ; in default, Tracy ; and in default, Ogle.
Marshal :—Ascot ; in default, Caryll ; and in default, Hasylwod.
Butler :—Appowell ; in default, Holles ; and in default, Barnaby.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 November, 28 Henry VIII., A.D. 1536.

Reader :—Robert Chydley.
Attendants on the reader :—Oneley and Bewmount.
Steward, marshal, and butler, as in the last parliament.

PARLIAMENT held on 18 November, 28 Henry VIII., A.D. 1536.

Reader :—Robert Chydley.

Treasurer :—Richard Ward.

Auditors :—David Broke, Henry Bradschawe, Thomas Sawndyrs, and George Willowghby.

Admission of Stephen Tubbe on 20 November, 1536, and he is pardoned all offices and vacations for 53*s.* 4*d.*, by John Latton, then treasurer, and he has licence to be out of commons at his pleasure, if the masters of the bench are so content, otherwise to have back the said sum.

PARLIAMENT held on 24 November, 28 Henry VIII., A.D. 1536, before JOHN BAKER, attorney general of the King, JOHN LATTON, JOHN WIDDON, NICHOLAS HARE, MASTER BRADSHAW, MASTER BEAWMOUNT, and others.

Memorandum, that a gilt cup remains in the hands of the executors of Master Henry Whit, member of this society, namely, in the hands of Sir William Sydney and Thomas White.

Master John Pakyngton elected a governor in the place of Master Anthony Babyngton, and Master Thomas Broksby in the place of Francis Mountford.

It is agreed that the members of the society in the mean vacations are to keep commons at their own expense and to have weekly from the House 10*li.* allowance, and to keep the servants of the House ; and that all such fellows of the House that do lie within the House, to be in commons and to pay after the rate at which they shall be assessed, and this order to be maintained till next term. *English.*

PARLIAMENT held on 8 February, 28 Henry VIII., A.D. 1536-7, before JOHN BAKER, JOHN LATTON, NICHOLAS HARE, JOHN WIDDON, MOIGNE, and BEAMOUNT.

"Yt is agreed by my masters at this parliamente that Master Polsted, Master Bosse, Master Caryll, and Master Oteley shall come to the bench.

"And yt is also agreed by al my seid masters at the said parliament that a pencion writt shalbe served, wherby the dettes of the Howse may the soner be paid.

"And at the same parliament yt ys agreed that Master Bradshawe, Master Joice, Master Babyngton, and Master Bland to be auditours to here the steward accompte for to yeres ended at Michaelmas last past."

Admission of Thomas Robyns on 18 February, 28 Henry VIII., A.D. 1536-7, by Robert Chydelegh, then reader, and he is pardoned all vacations and offices, and has licence to be out of commons at his pleasure.

PARLIAMENT held on 22 April, 29 Henry VIII., A.D. 1537, before JOHN BAKER, attorney of the King, WILLIAM CONYSBY, attorney of the Duchy of Lancaster, NICHOLAS HARE, BROMLEY, BRADSHAW, and others.

Reader for next vacation:—Master Beyewmount.

Pensions assessed at *2s.*

Collector of the same:—Master Draner.

Attendants on the reader:—Master Oneley, Master Bosse, and Master Polsted.

It was agreed that the treasurer should advise Master Polsted to undertake the next autumn reading, otherwise he must show why he could not exercise that duty.

General admission of John Juyll [Inyll ?] of "Lyons Inne," at the instance of Langfford.

Admission of John Hasset, at the instance of Hare and Sander.

PARLIAMENT held on 17 June, 29 Henry VIII., A.D. 1537, before JOHN BAKER, attorney general of the King, MASTER LATTON, MASTER HARE, BRADSHAWE, and BEAWMOUNTE.

"Yt ys agreed at this parliament that yf Master Cheyney repare not to this company within xv daies and pay shuche duetes as he doth owe unto the company, he to be dismyssed and discharged off his chamber."

PARLIAMENT held on 3 July, 29 Henry VIII., A.D. 1537, before JOHN BAKER, attorney general, JOHN WHIDON, THOMAS SYDENAM, NICHOLAS HARE, MASTER BEAMOWNTE, and others.

General admission of Thomas Draner to the clerks' commons, by the pledge of Anthony Stapleton and —— Leveson, the younger.

Like admission of John Juyll [Inyll ?] of "Lyons Inne," at the instance of —— Langfford.

Like admission of Edward Dutton at the instance of —— Grymsdiche.

Like admission of John Hassett, by the pledge of Nicholas Hare, and —— Sanders.

Like admission of James Warnecombe, at the instance of —— Seborn.

Like admission of Anthony Panyston, by the pledge of Robert Pygot.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 October, 29 Henry VIII., A.D. 1537, before MASTER WALSH, baron of the Exchequer, MASTER CHAMOND, knight, JOHN BAKER, attorney general of the King, WILLIAM CONYSBY, JOHN LATTON, NICHOLAS HARE, DAVID BROKE, and others.

Officers elected for Christmas next :—

Reader :—Master Onley.

Steward :—Tracy; in default, Beamont; and in default, Ascott.

Marshal :—Shelley, Browne, J., and Askew.

Butler :—Hollys, Taverner, and Faunt.

Clerk of the kitchen :—Master Lucas.

Treasurer :—Richard Ward.

Order for the chambers to be surveyed and the names of those who lie in them to be taken.

PARLIAMENT held on the day of the Commemoration of All Souls, 29 Henry VIII., A.D. 1537, before MASTER WELSH, baron of the Exchequer, SIR JOHN CHAMOND, knight, JOHN LATTON, JOHN ONLEY, NICHOLAS HARE, DAVID BROKE, BOSSE, OTELEY, and others.

Reader:—Master Sydnam.

Attendants on the reader:—Beamont and Carill.

Treasurer:—Master ——.

Pensions assessed at *2s.*

Collector of the same:—Master Crofton.

Auditors for the account of Richard Ward, treasurer:—Master Bradshaa, Master Bosse, Gaudy, and Stapelton.

Admission of Edward Saxilby on 30 November, 1537, and he is discharged from all offices, vacations, and other charges, except the office of marshal, and all commons and pensions hereafter to be assessed, at the instance of Master Thomas Walshe, baron of the Exchequer, for which he paid 40*s.* to Richard Ward, then treasurer.

It is agreed that Master Onley be discharged from the second reading for a fine of forty angels, that is to say, 15*li.*, which sum was afterwards paid by the executors of the said Master Onley to Richard Ward, treasurer, by the hands of John Baker, the King's attorney general.

General admission of Richard Harper on 10 November, 1537, at the instance of Master John Porte, knight, one of the justices of the King's Bench.

Like admission of Guy Wade, at the instance of Master Oneley and William Farmer.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 November, 29 Henry VIII., A.D. 1537, before MASTER WALSHE, baron of the Exchequer, JOHN BAKER, the King's attorney general, JOHN LATTON, NICHOLAS HARE, DAVID BROOKE, BEAMONT, CARILL, and OTELEY. RICHARD WARD, treasurer.

Master Beamount elected reader for Lent, in default of Sydenam.

Attendants on the reader :—Hare and Carill.

Appointments of steward, marshal and butler are the same as those given at the parliament of 28 October, 1537.

Order[1] that the ten chambers hereunder named, viz. :—the chamber in which Sir William Essex, knight, now lies, the chamber in which John Baker, esquire, the Kings' attorney general, now lies, the chamber in which John Pakyngton now lies, the chamber of Sir Robert Domer, knight, the chamber of Master William Conysby, the chamber of Master Anthony Babyngton, the chamber of Master Malett, the chamber of Master Scott, late of Braron (*sic*), the chamber in which —— Podkyn now lies, and the chamber in which —— Oteley now lies, shall always hereafter be assigned to the governors and the members associated with the governors on the bench of this Inn, and not to other members.

Further order that barristers of this Inn only shall be assigned and admitted to the chambers under written, namely, those in which Nicholas Harre, David Brooke, Bromeley, Chydley, George Gyfford, Thomas Polsted, Henry Lucas, and —— Saunders now lie.

General admission of John Baron, of Ireland, by the pledge of John Blande and —— Routh, of Ireland.

Like admission of John Predyaux, by the pledge of Thomas Robyns and Richard Bydwell.

PARLIAMENT held on the vigil of St. Thomas the Apostle, 29 Henry VIII., A.D. 1537, before MASTER PAKYNGTON, MASTER CHILDLEY, and others.

Tracy, for default of exercising the office of steward at Christmas, amerced 10*li.*, or he may exercise the said office next Christmas.

Beamount, in default for not exercising the same office, pardoned, because he was elected reader.

Ascott, in default for not exercising the same office, amerced 10*li.*

Shelley, Brown, the younger, and Askew elected to the office of marshal, made default and were amerced 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* each.

Hollys, Taverner, and Faunt elected to the office of butler, made default and were amerced 5*li.* each.

[1] In the margin is "Bench Chambers."

Receipt by John Glannyng, steward, to the treasurer for 32*li.* towards the payment of bakers, brewers, and other officers. Dated 16 February, 1537-8. *English.*

Bond by John Cheyne to pay all commons, pensions, and other dues, and to be under the rule of the governors, and to obey and perform all the ordinances of the Inner Temple, under pain of expulsion from the same Temple. Pledges, Robert Woodlyff and Anthony Penyston. *French.*

Admission of Hugh Brooke, and he is discharged from all offices and vacations (commons and pensions only excepted), at the instance of David Brooke. And he paid a fine of 4 marks to Richard Ward, treasurer. And he is assigned a chamber where the said David Brooke now lies.

PARLIAMENT held on 5 February, 29 Henry VIII., A.D. 1537-8, before MASTER WALSHE,[1] baron of the Exchequer, JOHN BAKER, attorney general, JOHN LATTON, THOMAS SYDENHAM, DAVID BROOKE, THOMAS BRADSHAW, BEAUMOUNT, and others.

Order that all the officers, who were elected to exercise offices at Christmas last, and did not come to exercise the said offices, whereby the feast of Christmas was not solemnly kept, as was accustomed, according to the order of the House, be each of them amerced to the amercements before assessed.

Order that the allowance of every member of this society from henceforth for bread and ale shall not exceed 10*d.*, and if it should so exceed, the officers of the buttery shall pay. *Entry crossed out.*

General admission of John Mayne on 10 February, 1537-8, at the instance of John Baker, esquire, attorney general, and Thomas Draner.

[1] In the margin is "A baron before the attorney general, which note."

PARLIAMENT held on 12 May, 30 Henry VIII., A.D. 1538, before JOHN WYDON, THOMAS BROMLEY, DAVID BROKE, THOMAS BRADSHAWE, and others.

Reader for next autumn :—Bosse.

Attendants upon the reader :—Sydenam and Carill.

Pensions assessed at *2s.*

Collector of the same pensions :—Harper.

Order that Master Smyth and Master Dyon be out of commons and out of the society on account of the offences committed by them within the Inn.

PARLIAMENT held on 9 July, 30 Henry VIII., A.D. 1538, before NICHOLAS HARE, JOHN LATTON, JOHN WHIDDON, MASTER BEWMOUNT, JOHN CARILL, BOSSE, OTELEY, and others.

Steward for Christmas :—Tracy, and Wayman, *crossed out*, and Ogle, in default Wells and Ludlow.

Marshal :—Acworth ; in default, Ludlow ; and in default, Francis Pygot.

Butler :—Brown, J., Chaumber, E., and Culpeper.

Admission of Richard Secole, and he is pardoned all offices and vacations (commons and pensions only excepted), and has licence to be out of commons at his pleasure, at the instance of John Bosse, reader after the feast of St. Peter ad Vincula, 1538.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 30 Henry VIII., A.D. 1538, before SIR JOHN CHAWMON, knight, JOHN BAKER, attorney general, JOHN LATTON, JOHN WYDDON, THOMAS BROMLEY, BROOKE, BRADSHAW, BEAWMONT, BOSSE, CARILL, and others.

Pensions assessed at *2s.*

Collector of the same :—Prediaux.

Reader for Lent :—Sydnam.

Attendants :—Master Harre and Oteley.

Treasurer :—John Wyddon.

Auditors for the account of Richard Warde, late treasurer :—Master Bradshaw, Brooke, Stapelton, and Kelwey.

Steward for Christmas :—Ogle; in default, Wellys; and in default, Ludlow.

Marshal :—Francis Pigott; in default, Halys; and in default, Prestall.

Butler :—White; in default, Taverner; and in default, Sacvile.

Auditors for the account of the steward :—Master Latton, Master Brooke, Master Bradshawe, Master Sanders, Master Joys, and Master Charles.

PARLIAMENT held on 17 November, 30 Henry VIII., A.D. 1538, before SIR JOHN CHAMOND, knight, JOHN LATTON, BRADSHAW, BROKE, and CARILL.

John Baker, attorney general, William Conysby, and Nicholas Hare elected governors.

Masters of the revels :—Luson, Wade, Palmer, and Smyth.

It was agreed concerning Master Simons' chamber, that if two gentlemen of the company will repair it, they shall be admitted therein, and if the said Master Simons will bear a third part of the cost, then he may remain with the said two gentlemen. *English.*

PARLIAMENT held on 28 January, 30 Henry VIII., A.D. 1538-9, before JOHN BAKER, attorney general, JOHN LATTON, THOMAS SIDNAM, BROKE, BRADSHAW, and others.

Ogle, for not exercising the office of steward at Christmas, amerced 10*li.*

Francis Pigott, for not exercising the office of marshal, amerced 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

Halis and Prestall, for the like, amerced 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* each.

White, for not exercising the office of butler, amerced 5*li.*

Taverner and Sacvile, for the like, amerced 5*li.* each.

"At thys parlyament hit was agreid that a nue yate shalbe made comyng from the streitt to the said Tempell."

PARLIAMENT held on 9 February, 30 Henry VIII., A.D. 1538-9.

Admission of Sir William Sidney, knight, and he has licence to be out of commons at his pleasure, and is discharged from all offices and other charges and attendances (pensions only excepted) any rule, statute, and order of the Inn to the contrary notwithstanding.

PARLIAMENT held on 1 May, 31 Henry VIII., A.D. 1539, before SIR JOHN CHAMON, knight, JOHN LATTON, JOHN BOSSE, and JOHN CARELL.

Reader for the autumn :—Carell, and afterwards the said Carell received a writ from the King for becoming a serjeant at law.

Attendants :—Master Hare and Master Tow.

Pensions assessed at *2s.*

Collector of the same :—Harbarow.

PARLIAMENT held on 14 May, 31 Henry VIII., A.D. 1539.

"At which parlyment hit was agreid that a standyng pote of sylver which ys Master Sacviles, and also the stondyng cuppe of sylver schalbe put yn toe the cover yn the parlyament howse, and that toe of the keys therof shall remayn with the governors and the thirde key with the trezerer."

Admission of Richard Payn, and he has licence to be out of commons at his pleasure, and is pardoned all offices, etc. (except pensions), at the instance of Thomas Sidnam, reader, according to ancient custom.

PARLIAMENT held on the feast of St. Peter, 31 Henry VIII., A.D. 1539, before JOHN LATTON, JOHN BEAMONT, JOHN BOSSE, and JOHN CARELL.

Steward for Christmas :—White; in default, Ogle; and in default, Sckynner.

Marshal :—Essex, the younger; in default, Wixston; and in default Sheldon.

Butler :—Appowell; in default, Audeley; and in default, Culpeper.

PARLIAMENT held on Thursday after the feast of St. Peter, 31 Henry VIII., A.D. 1539, before JOHN BEAMONT, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARELL, and others.

Whereas Thomas Bromley received a writ to become a serjeant at law on the morrow of St. John the Baptist, by virtue whereof he was elected reader for next autumn vacation, according to ancient custom.

PARLIAMENT held on Friday after the Feast of St. Peter, 31 Henry VIII., A.D. 1539.

Whereas Thomas Bromley was elected reader, as above, and refused to undertake the office, it is considered that he shall pay 10*li.* *Crossed out.*

Admission of Lewis Hacch, and he is pardoned all offices and vacations (commons and pensions only excepted), and has licence to be out of commons at his pleasure, by John Whiddon, treasurer, on 5 July, 1539, and he paid for a fine 26*s.* 8*d.*

PARLIAMENT held on the morrow of All Souls, 31 Henry VIII., A.D. 1539, before ROBERT CHUDLEY, JOHN LATTON, JOHN BRADSHAW, JOHN CARELL, BOSSE, and others.

Bromley elected reader for autumn vacation.

Essex, the younger, because he refused to exercise the office of marshal at Christmas, is amerced 5*li.*

Wygston and Sheldon, for the like, amerced 5*li.* each.

Appowell, for refusing to exercise the office of butler, amerced 5*li.*

Audeley and Culpeper, for the like, amerced 5*li.* each.

Chamber, who was elected marshal and made default, amerced 5*li.*

Umpton, for the like, 5*li.*

Tracy exercised the office.

Butler :—Cooke ; in default, Smith, T. ; in default, Brown, J. ; and Master Wade exercised the office.

Masters of the revels :—Traversse, Scot, Deneham, Fox, Merys.

Constable marshal :—Mayne ; in default, Eldreton ; and in default, Gower.

Clerk of the kitchen :—Master Bassett.

Common serjeant :—Fuller.

Master of the game :—Barnabe.

Treasurer :—David Broke.

Auditors for the old treasurer :—Bradshaw, Bosse, Gowdy, and Kelleway.

Auditors for the steward :—Beamont, Broke, Bradshaw, and Bosse.

PARLIAMENT held 14 November, 31 Henry VIII., A.D. 1539, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, JOHN BAKER, attorney-general, JOHN LATTON, GEORGE CHIDLEY, THOMAS BROMLEY, HENRY BRADSHAW, JOHN BEAMOUNT, BOSSE, JOHN CARELL, OTLEY, and STAPLETON.

John Luson gave 4*li.* for being discharged from serving the office of butler at Christmas.

Order for Master Sakeffilde to pay to the treasurer 3*li.*, and for the said treasurer to deliver to him a pot of silver which was "in the coffer for a gage." Which 3*li.* was paid to the treasurer on 15 November, and the said pot delivered.

John Tofton pardoned the Christmas vacation, and from serving the office of master of the revels. And he gave to the society 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Thomas Bromley elected reader for Lent, and in default of him Chidley, and in default of him Conysby, because they received the King's writs to take upon them the estate and rank of serjeants at law, for which they are to be prepared at the feast of St. John the Baptist.

Attendants on the reader:—Master Brok and Master Otley.

Admission of Thomas Williams, and he is discharged from all offices, vacations, etc., at the instance of Master Carell, reader for autumn.

Alexander Courthop discharged from all offices, vacations, and all charges (except commons) while within the Inn, and he gave to the society 30*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on 27 November, 31 Henry VIII., A.D. 1539, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, RICHARD WARD, HENRY BRADSHAW, JOHN CARELL, and others.

Constable marshals:—Mane, Eldredon, Pygott, and for default Gowere.

"Memorandum, that att this parlement it was ordenyd that wher Thomas Bromley was appoynted too rede, in consideracion that it apperyd suche debylete in the seyde Thomas Bromley that he was not lyke too have keppyd owte the hole redyng in the seyde vacacion of Lente, therffore it was ordenyd that the seyd Thomas Bromley shulde rede untyll Wensday the ij^{do} weke in Lente, and the seyde Wensday, David Brok shall then rede and soo too contynue untyll thende off vacacion. And the seyde David Brook too have hys espesiall admittanz for on, as other reders hathe usyd too have. Et hoc factum fuit."

PARLIAMENT held on 3 February, 31 Henry VIII., A.D. 1539-40, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE and SIR JOHN CHAMORTHE, knights, JOHN LECTON (*sic*), —— BASSE, JOHN BOSSE, and —— OTELEY.

Laurence Hamond admitted to the office of second butler on 26 February, 1539-40, by David Brook, treasurer. And he shall have the ancient wage of 30*s.* a year.

Admission of Edward Vincent on 8 February, 1539-40, and he is pardoned all offices and vacations, except the office of steward, and has licence to be out of commons at his pleasure, at the instance of John Beamont, and he paid to the treasurer 40*s.*

Admission of Richard Fitzharbert on 1 February, 1539-40, and he is pardoned all offices and vacations (pensions only excepted), and

has licence to be out of commons at his pleasure, at the instance of David Brook, reader, according to ancient custom.

Admission of John Sakeffilde on 11 February, 1539-40, at the instance of Richard Sakeffylde, and he is pardoned all offices and vacations, etc., and gives to the use of the society 40*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on 18 April, 31 Henry VIII., A.D. 1540, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, MASTER JOHN CHAMON, knight, MASTER BROMLEY, MASTER BEAMOND, MASTER BOSSE, and others.

Reader :—Master Otley for one vacation.

Attendants :—Master Bradshawe and Master Tawe.

Pensions assessed at 4*s.*, because Master Conysby and Master Bromley are to be created serjeants at law at the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

Master Clerke pardoned 26*s.* 8*d.* for absence at the Christmas vacation.

PARLIAMENT held on 2 May, 32 Henry VIII., A.D. 1540, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, SIR JOHN CHAMON, knight, JOHN LATTON, THOMAS BROMLEY, JOHN BEAMONT, JOHN CARELL, and many others.

"Memorandum that it was ordenyd at this parlement that the bake dore att Nyvez shalbe stopped and made uppe, and the synke ther too be fillyd and made drye, and that too be don att the costes off the gardynere."

PARLIAMENT held on 13 June, 32 Henry VIII., A.D. 1540, before JOHN BAKER, the King's attorney general, SIR JOHN CHAMON, JOHN LECTON (*sic*), HENRY BRADSHAWE, JOHN BEMONT, JOHN CARELL, and others.

Steward :—Anthony Cope, Fetiplace, and Hales.

Marshal :—Culpeper, Denton, and Faunt.

Butler :—Carleton, Mane, and Wayte.

"Memorandum that att this parlement it is orderyd that Master Conysby and Master Bromley, wiche procedit serjant crastino Johannis, shall have, every off them, fyve pounde and a pere off glovys off iij*d*., accordynge too the ancient use, wiche wer delyveryd unto them, etc., att ther departynges att the hall dore of Temple, after ther proposission and leve takyn att the fyer, etc."

Admission of William Jeny, gentleman, on 3 July, 1540, and by the assent of the whole bench he was discharged all Christmas offices and vacations, and might be out of commons at his pleasure, except he lie within the Inn (the office of house steward only excepted) and he gave to the company of the house 40*s*.

PARLIAMENT held on 11 November, 32 Henry VIII., A.D. 1540, before JOHN LATTON, HENRY BRADSHAWE, JOHN CARELL, and others.

Reader for Lent :—Master Oteley.

Attendants :—Master Bradshawe and Master Tawe.

Treasurer :—Brook.

Auditors for the treasurer :—Bosse, Carell, Sanders, and Kelewey.

Auditors for the steward :—Bosse, Carell, Otley, and Tawe.

Pensions assessed at 2*s*.

Order that John Ascott should pay 4*li*. for all his amercements whereof he should deliver 40*s*. to the treasurer, and make a warrant for the treasurer to recover the rest of John Whiddon, late treasurer.

PARLIAMENT held on 21 November, 32 Henry VIII., A.D. 1540, before SIR JOHN BAKER, knight, JOHN LATTON, HENRY BRADSHAW, and others.

Governors :—Sir John Baker, knight, Sir Nicholas Hare, knight, John Latton, and David Brook, treasurer.

Memorandum, that the cook should have his wages for Michaelmas, and allowance for the mean vacation, and that another cook be provided.

Order that there should be a new exigent upon the pension writ, and proclamations into divers counties as by the treasurer shall be thought fit.

"And att the same parlement itt was orderyd that iff xvj persons, felowez of the Howse, after the terme wolde kepe comonz in the Howse, the officers off the Howse shulde geve ther attendans, and they too fynde the officers, and then the Howse shulde alowe them wekely towardes ther charges vj*s.* viij*d.* a pece, and this rewle was made by cawse noo lernynge was then keppyd, and iff ther wer under xvj personez, the comonz to breke and the servantes to have alowance after vj*s.* viij*d.* a pece the wyke, and iff eny off them doe departe hys alowance too be ductyd."

PARLIAMENT held on 3 February, 32 Henry VIII., A.D. 1540-1, before JOHN BEMONT, JOHN CARELL, and others.

Special admission of William Sanders, and he gave to the company 40*s.*, which was delivered to the treasurer.

PARLIAMENT held on 12 May, 33 Henry VIII., A.D. 1541, before JOHN LATTON, HENRY BRADSHAWE, JOHN BEAMONDE, JOHN CARELL, JOHN BOSSE, and —— TAWE.

Reader :—Master Tawe.

Attendants :—Master Bradshawe and Master Lucas.

Pensions assessed at 2*s.*

"Memorandum, att thys parlement itt was ordenyd that Master Estofte shall be remittyd into the commonz off Temple, and also unto hys chamber, and he too pay a fine of xx*s.* for asmoche as hys laky was sicke in hys chamber in the sicknesse and there decessyd, and noo warnyng nor knowlege was gevyn unto the company of hys sicknesse, by reson wheroff the somere vacacion was brokyn, and the Howse therby gretly hyndred. And then it was ferther orderyd that noo gentylman, felowe off this company, shall nott kepe noo bwoy or bwoyz, callyd lakys, too resorte unto the hall, kychyn, or butre for mete or drynke, apon payn of every soche deffault iij*s.* iiij*d.*, too be payed without redempsion. And itt was ferther agrede that the seyde fine of xx*s.* shulde be qualified apon a humble sute to be made by the seyde Estofte unto the benche, as itt shall seme by ther discressionz."

Master Snede fined 6*s.* 8*d.* for an affray upon Master Merys.

Master Estofte's fine remitted to 3*s.* 4*d.*

Master Tawe pardoned 20*s.* for vacation, because he was not summoned.

Admission of John Rudston on 12 February, 1541-2, by John Tawe, reader in the preceding autumn, and he is discharged from all offices, etc.

PARLIAMENT held on 26 June, 33 Henry VIII., A.D. 1541, before John Latton, John Bemont, and others.

Steward :—Darell and Cope.

Marshal :—Poulett, J., Ascough, F., and Francis Pygott.

Butler :—Techeborn, N., Shelle, and Smythe, T.

It is agreed that Master Latton, Master Solicitor, Master Bemont, and Master Carell shall commune with the treasurer and company of the Inner Temple[1] for the repairs of the church and the bridge of the Temple.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 July, 33 Henry VIII., A.D. 1541, before Sir John Baker, knight, John Latton, Richard Warde, Henry Bradshawe, John Bemont, John Bosse, and others.

It was ordered and decreed that Master Rendall, Master Cok, and Master Bassett be called to the bench by the treasurer, but Master Rendall on being called, refused; for which refusal it was ordered that he should be put out of the House and be fined 20*li.*, that his chambers be locked and sealed, and his stuff there to remain until the fine be paid, and if he would come to the bench he should pay 5 marks. Master Cok came and Master Bassett was pardoned coming up for 5 marks, to be paid to the treasurer for being spared for two years.

PARLIAMENT held on 6 November, 33 Henry VIII., A.D. 1541, before Henry Bradshawe, John Latton, John Bemont, Anthony Stapleton, and others.

The first pension assessed at 2*s.*

Reader :—Master Bradshawe.

[1] *Sic*, query a mistake for Middle Temple.

Attendants :—Master Bemont and Master Stapleton.

Treasurer :— ——.

Auditors for the treasurer :—Master Bemont, Master Carell, Master Kelewey, and Master Gawdy.

Auditors for the steward :—Master Bemont, Master Carell, Master Kelewey, and Master Gawde.

Order that Master Rendall shall "make a byll of hys hande" to abide such order as the bench shall take with him and then his chamber and goods to be delivered to him. And he shall not be in commons until his place be appointed by the bench.

Special admission of Gerard Eryngton, and he was discharged all offices, etc., and he gave to the company 40*s*.

Like admission of Robert Thystylthwayt, and he gave to the company 40*s*., which he paid to David Brook, treasurer.

PARLIAMENT held on 22 January, 33 Henry VIII., A.D. 1541-2, before SIR JOHN CHAMON, knight, JOHN LACTON, ROBERT CHIDLEY, HENRY BRADSHAWE, JOHN BEMONT, JOHN CARELL, and ANTHONY STAPLETON.

The answer to the King's letters for Master Bradshawe to be discharged from reading in Lent, was adjourned till Wednesday.

Master Chidley having promised to serve the office of treasurer for next year, David Brook shall serve it this year.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 January, 33 Henry VIII., A.D. 1541-2, before JOHN BAKER, SIR JOHN CHAMON, knight, JOHN LACTON, JOHN BEMONT, JOHN CARELL, ANTHONY STAPLETON, and others.

Order that Master Bradshawe should read in Lent for his second reading or else the House will be destitute of reading, notwithstanding the King's letter, for the said letter was delivered in Hilary term and should have been delivered in Michaelmas term before.

Order that Master Rendall be remitted to the outer bar and have his stuff and chambers, paying 4 marks for his fine.[1]

[1] After this entry is a blank space over which is a note that "This roome is left for the parlement holdyn in Easter term."

PARLIAMENT held on 26 June, 34 Henry VIII., A.D. 1542, before HENRY BRADSHAWE, JOHN LECTON, JOHN CARELL, JOHN LUCAS, JOHN BOSSE, and ANTHONY STAPLETON.

Steward :—Darell, Cope, A., and Stapleton.

Marshal :—Ascue, F., Francis Pygott and Tweyneman.

Butler :—Thecheborn, N., Shelle, and Smythe.

"Memorandum that itt was orderyd apon grete consideracionz that every person wiche kepythe hys office in eny chamber belongyn unto the company of the Inner Temple, shall not kepe hys sayde office in noo chamber of the sayde Temple after the fest of Saynt Mighell the arcangell next comynge, on payn of xl*s.* to lose and forfite to the companye for every monthe soo doynge, on lesse a ferther order shalbe takyn with the seyde officer by the company off the bench off the seyde Inner Temple."

Special admission of Godfrey Bosewell at the instance of John Lucas, reader after the feast of St. Peter ad Vincula, and he was pardoned all offices, etc.

PARLIAMENT held on the morrow of All Saints, 34 Henry VIII., A.D. 1542, before SIR JOHN BAKER, knight, JOHN LATTON, ROBERT CHIDLEY, HENRY BRADSHAWE, JOHN BEMOUNT, and others.

Governors :—Master Baker, Master Letton, Master Chidley, and Master Bradshaw.

Reader for Lent :—Master Bemont.

Attendants :—Master Bosse and Master Stapleton.

Treasurer :—Master Chidley.

Auditors for Brook, late treasurer :—Master Solicitor, Master Carell, Master Gawdy, and Master Fuller.

Auditors for the steward :—Master Bemont, Master Bosse, Master Joice, and Master Clerk.

PARLIAMENT held on 14 November, 34 Henry VIII., A.D. 1542, before SIR JOHN BAKER, knight, JOHN LATTON, DAVID BROKE, HENRY BRADSCHAWE, JOHN BEAMOUNT, JOHN CARELL, JOHN TAWE, and others.

It was granted that Master Thomas Whyte should be discharged his two readings for the sum of 20*li.*, which he paid to the treasurer.

Governors:—Sir John Baker, knight, John Latton, Robert Chidley, and Henry Bradshaw.

Steward:—Anthony Coope, Darell, and Stapleton.

Marshal:—Maurice Denys, W. Sheldon, Many, and Bassett, the younger.

Butler:—Tycheborn, N., Shelley, Smyth, and Holez.

Constable marshal:—Warnecomb.

Common serjeant:—Hassate (?)

Masters of the revels:—Robartes, Smyth, F., Whyte, and Dyllon.

Master of the game:—Tufton.

PARLIAMENT held on 24 November, 34 Henry VIII., A.D. 1542, before RICHARD WARD, DAVID BROKE, JOHN BEAMOUNT, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARELL, and others.

Governors:—as at the last parliament.

Order that if any of the gentlemen that were chosen marshal at the last parliament, refuse to exercise the same office, he shall be fined 5*li.*

Order that if any of the gentlemen that were chosen butler at the last parliament, refuse to exercise the same office, he shall be fined 5*li.*

Order that if any man of this company being in commons exceed in bread and drink above 10*d.* in one week, the butlers shall be charged with the overplus thereof.

PARLIAMENT held on the Vigil of St. Thomas the Apostle, 34 Henry VIII., A.D. 1542, before JOHN BEAMOUNT, ANTHONY STAPLETON, THOMAS SANDERS, and ROBERT CAYLWAYE.

Governors:—as before.

Anthony Coope amerced for not executing the office of steward for Christmas, but his amercement respited till next parliament.

Master Shelley, who was chosen butler, amerced 5*li.* for making default.

Maurice Denys, chosen marshal for Christmas, was ready to execute the office.

Thomas Smyth, chosen butler for Christmas, was ready to execute the office.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 January, 34 Henry VIII., A.D. 1542-3, before JOHN BAKER, JOHN CHAMOND, JOHN LATTON, DAVID BROKE, HENRY BRADSCHAWE, JOHN BEAMOUNT, JOHN CARYLL and others.

Governors :—as before.

Anthony Coope, who was chosen steward and made default, fined 10*li.* And because Darell was chosen steward in default of the same Anthony, his fine is assessed at 5*li.*

Warnecomb, who was chosen constable marshal for Christmas and made default, fined 5*li.*

Couper, who was chosen constable marshal in default of the same Warnecomb and made default, fined 5*li.*

"It is also ordryd that the clerk of the croun of the Kynges Bench, the cirografer, and Master Chamber, for the rooms that they have for kepyng of ther offices, every on of them schall paye for the sayd rooms yerly 20*s.*, besides the pencions; and for the residu of soch as kepe offices wythin thys House schall paye 10*s.* yerly, besides the pencions."

PARLIAMENT held on 6 February, 34 Henry VIII., A.D. 1542-3, before SIR JOHN BAKER, knight, SIR JOHN CHAMOND, knight, JOHN LATTON, JOHN WARDE, DAVID BROKE, JOHN BEAMONT, and others.

Governors :—as before.

PARLIAMENT held on 6 April, 34 Henry VIII., A.D. 1543, before JOHN LATTON, DAVID BROKE, and JOHN BEAMONT.

Governors :—as before.
Reader for summer time :—Master Stapleton.
Attendants :—Master Bosse and Master Cooke.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 June, 35 Henry VIII., A.D. 1543, before RICHARD WARD, HENRY BRADSHAWE, JOHN BEAMONT, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN TAW, and MASTER STAPLETON.

Governors :—as before.
Stewards :—Androws, Wyggeston, and Cooke.
Marshals :—Maurice Denys, Henry Awdley, and Geoffrey Chambere.
Butler :—Smith, Tychborn, and Shelley.

PARLIAMENT held on 24 January, 35 Henry VIII., A.D. 1543-4, before SIR JOHN BAKER, knight, RICHARD WARD, DAVID BROKE, HENRY BRADSCHAWE, JOHN BEAMOUNT, JOHN CARELL, and others.

Governors :—as before.
Reader for Lent :—Master Bosse.
Attendants :—Master Carell and Master Cooke.
Auditors assigned to hear the steward's accounts within the space of 14 days next ensuing :—John Beamount, John Carell, Gawdy, and Blackwall.

PARLIAMENT held on 11 (*sic*) January, 35 Henry VIII., A.D. 1543-4, before JOHN LATTON, RICHARD WARD, DAVID BROKE, HENRY BRADSHAWE, JOHN BEAMOUNT, and others.

Governors :—as before.
Order that for the laying of the charge of the apparels this present year, which weekly riseth by reason of the dearth of bread,

that an aid roll shall be made, and every fellow of this company to pay weekly 4*d.* over and besides his commons, and the same aid to be taken from the beginning of Hilary term from all such as were in commons here the said term in this present 35th year, until such time as it be otherwise ordered by parliament.

Thomas Godffrey, fellow of this company, pardoned all offices, vacations, Christmases, and has liberty to be out of commons at his pleasure for 40*s.*

Admission of William Wye on 19 March, 1543-4, and he is pardoned all offices, vacations, and Christmases.

PARLIAMENT held on 4 May, 36 Henry VIII., A.D. 1544, before JOHN LATTON, DAVID BROKE, JOHN BEAMOUNT, JOHN CARELL, and others.

Governors :—as before.

PARLIAMENT held on 18 May, 36 Henry VIII., A.D. 1544, before JOHN LATTON, DAVID BROKE, HENRY BRADSHAWE, JOHN BOSSE, and others.

Governors :—as before.

Reader for the autumn :—Master Stapleton.

Attendants :—Master Carell and Master Cooke.

Auditors assigned to hear the accounts of Master Caylweye, churchwarden, for his receipts, between this and the feast of the Ascension of Our Lord next coming :—Master Bosse and Master Wyloghby.

PARLIAMENT held on 20 June, 36 Henry VIII., A.D. 1544, before JOHN LATTON, HENRY BRADSCHAWE, JOHN BOSSE, and others.

Governors :—as before.

Officers for Christmas :—

Stewards :—Andrewes, Wyggeston, and Cooke.

Marshals:—Maurice Denys, Henry Awdley, and William Shelden.

Butlers:—Smythe, Tycheborn, and Shelley.

Order that the payment of 4*d.* weekly for the "rysyng" of commons shall continue no longer than this present Trinity term, and then the commons to be paid after the old rate.

Master Blackwall chosen churchwarden for the year ensuing.

Auditors assigned to hear the accounts of Master Gawdy, churchwarden in the last year:—Master Bosse and Master Smyth.

Special admission of George Foster, and he is discharged from all offices, Christmases, and vacations, and may be out of commons at his pleasure, for 26*s.* 8*d.*

Like admission of John Busby, and he is discharged from all vacations, Christmases, and offices, for 40*s.*

Admission[1] of Humphrey Elmes, at the instance of John Bosse, reader, and he is pardoned all offices, vacations, and other charges (commons and pensions only excepted).

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 36 Henry VIII., A.D. 1544, before DAVID BROKE, JOHN BEAMOUNT, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARELL, JOHN OTWELL, and others.

Governors:—as before.

Reader for Lent:—Master Carell.

Attendants:—Master Otley and Master Cooke.

Treasurer:—Master Bradschawe.

Auditors for the treasurer:—Master David Broke, Master Bosse, Master Gawdy, and Master Malett.

Auditors for the steward:—Master Beamount, Master Otley, Master Pakyn, and Master Prydyaux.

Memorandum, that Master Heuxsait (?) was discharged for serving at Christmas, 1538, for 26*s.* 8*d.*

[1] In the margin is "Speciall admyttance for a doble reader."

PARLIAMENT held on 16 November, 36 Henry VIII., A.D. 1544, before JOHN LATTON, DAVID BROKE, JOHN CARELL, JOHN BEAMONT, JOHN OTELEY, ROBERT KAYLWEY, and others.

Governors :—as before.

"Memorandum[1] it is ordered at this parleament that the steward shall resceve the commons of all discontiers (*sic*), being not truely in commons, in the seconde wheke of the seid discontiers being in commons, or ellse, in defaut of paiement theroff, to compleyn to the bench the Wenysday ; and iff the steward do make default herin, then the seid steward to stond charged with the same commons, and iff any such discontiers depart, his commons not paid, and do afterward resort to this Howse, that the steward schall demand and resceve the seid commons, and for default of paiement therof to compleyn to the bench ; and that if the seid steward do make default herin or be neglygent, then the seid steward to be charged with the seid commons."

"Also it is furder ordered at the same parleament that all such discontiers shall pay ther commons beffore they depart, or elles they to remayn in commons still, untill they have paid ther seid commons."

Order that if any butler, or other by his means, suffer any person to come into the buttery in the time of dinner or supper, that 4*d*. be deducted from the said butler's wages for every such offence.

Order that every man being in commons shall pay 4*d*. weekly, besides his commons, towards the allowance of the charges of his commons, by reason of the great scarcity of victuals and "smallness of bread," and a particular roll thereof shall be made, and this sum be paid when commons are paid.

Stewards :—Paul Darrell, Master Tracy, and Master Cook.

Marshals :—Master Maurice Denys, Master Sheldon, and Master Many, the elder.

Butlers :—Master Tichburne, Master Holles, and Master Perpoynt.

Constable :—Master Warncombe, the younger.

Common serjeant :—Hassat.

[1] In the margin is "Discontinuers commons."

Masters of the revels :—Master Smyth, Master Dillon, Master White, and Master Netherffeld.

Master of the game :—Master Popkyns.

Master Basset commanded to accompany the benchers on the bench, and to read when his course comes.

Order that an old order concerning the keeping of commons by sixteen of the gentlemen shall stand and be in force "and to be respited until a further time."

Order that such as keep offices in this House shall pay such rent for the same as was before this time ordered at the parliament held on 25 January, 1542-3, that is to say, the clerk of the Crown, the chirographer, custos brevium, and "philoser"[1] of London 20*s.* yearly, and all other offices to pay yearly 10*s.*, besides the pensions of every the said offices.

PARLIAMENT held on 30 November, 36 Henry VIII., A.D. 1544, before JOHN LATTON, RICHARD WARD, DAVID BROKE, JOHN BEAMONT, —— COOK, ROBERT KAILWEY, and others.

Order that the treasurer shall and may compound with John Basset, gent., for his call to the bench, and to discharge him of the same upon the same composition.

Order that the said treasurer shall admit Master Draner to the room where Master Chamber kept his office, for 20*s.* yearly rent, besides his pension.

Order that Master Predeux shall be the surveyor of the buttery for a time, to try in whom the default of waste there is.

PARLIAMENT held on the vigil of St. Valerius,[2] 36 Henry VIII., A.D. 1544-5, before JOHN LATTON, DAVID BROKE, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARELL, JOHN OTELEY, ANTHONY STAPULTON, and ROBERT KAYLWEY.

Master Cock amerced 10*li.* for making default in not serving the office of steward at Christmas last.

[1] That is the filacer, an officer of the Court of Common Pleas, who filed the writs on which he made process.

[2] January 28th.

Tychborne, who was chosen marshal (*sic*), amerced 5*li.* for default.

Hollez, who was chosen marshal, amerced 5*li.* for default.

Perpoynt, who was chosen marshal, amerced 5*li.* for default.

Warncombe the younger, for default of being constable marshal, 5*li.*

Hassat for default of being common sergeant, 5*li.*

Smith for default of being master of the revels, 5*li.*

Popkyns for default of being master of the game, 5*li.*

Order that the company being here at Christmas last shall have allowed and paid to them by the treasurer 30*s.* for a boar, minstrels, and a load of coals, and the officers to have their common allowances besides.

Order that Master Thomas Gawdy shall associate with the masters of the bench.[1]

Admission of Richard Oneslowe on 1 July 1545, at the request of Sir Nicholas Hare, knight.

Order that no reader shall be allowed more than 20 bucks and deer in the summer vacation, and if any more be allowed by the auditors, except by the consent of the parliament held in the term time, the said auditors to bear the charges thereof; and the said allowances to be made the first week of the term next after the said vacation.

It is agreed that the stewards of the reader's dinner shall be yearly chosen in the term before the reading, and if any, being chosen and have knowledge thereof, make default and leave no deputy sufficient to serve the duty, he shall forfeit for such default 5*li.*

Admission of Robert Hurleston on 12 April, 1546, by the pledge of Richard Ogle and John Somerton.

Admission of Richard Scot on 20 April, 1546, by the pledge of Richard Chamber and Hugh Thornell.

PARLIAMENT held on 26th April, 37 Henry VIII., A.D. 1545, before JOHN LATTON, DAVID BROKE, JOHN CARRELL, JOHN TAWE, and THOMAS GAWDY.

Governors:—Sir John Baker and Henry Bradschawe.

Reader for autumn vacation:—Master Cock.

[1] The MS. here goes back to fol. 34. See footnote on p. 50.

Attendants :—Master Oteley and Master Saunders.

Order that Master Basset be of the bench and give his attendance and read when his course shall be.

Order that if any gentleman of the fellowship do defile the great garden at any time hereafter, he shall forfeit to the House, in the name of a pain, 20*d.* for every such offence.

Memorandum, that no Trinity term was held this year because of the wars, and so no parliament.

PARLIAMENT held on 2 November, 37 Henry VIII., A.D. 1545, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, DAVID BROKE, JOHN BEAMONT, JOHN CARELL, and JOHN COCKE.

Pensions assessed at 2*s.*

Governors :—Master Baker, Master Hare, Master Bradschawe, and Master Latton.

Reader for Lent :—Master Oteley.

Attendants :—Master Saunders and Master Tawe.

Memorandum, that Master Cock was elected reader for the autumn vacation and undertook before a full parliament to read according to his due course and made default and did not read, to the great scandal of the company of the said House, therefore the same Master Cock is amerced by authority of this parliament 100 marks, and further it is to be considered whether or no he shall from henceforth be of this company.

Auditors for the steward :—Master Broke, Master Keylway, Master Smythe, amd Master Clerke.

Stewards for Christmas :—Master Molens, Master Welles, and Master Denys.

Butlers :—Master Hollys, Master Leveson, J., and Master White, R.

Marshal :—Maney, the elder, Denton and Perpoynt, the elder.

Constables :—Fox, Charles, and Warnecomb, the younger.

Common sergeant :—Hassat.

Order that the gardener shall no longer occupy the garden because he often has sickness and the plague in his house, keeps ill rule, and cuts down trees. Thereupon the treasurer shall let it to another.

Special admission of Nicholas Martyn on 10 May, 1546, for 40*s.* paid to the treasurer.

Special admission of John Grey of "Lyons Inne" on 13 May, 1546, for 40*s.* paid to the treasurer.

Admission of John Birt on 15 May, 1546.

Admission of John Willoghby, gent., at the instance of John Carell, esquire, reader in Lent 36 Henry VIII., and he is discharged from all offices and vacations, and has liberty to be out of commons at his pleasure.

Richard Scott (?) discharged from all offices and vacations and has licence to be out of commons at his pleasure for the sum of 40*s.*, by authority of the parliament held on 10 November, 1545.

Richard Chamber, gent., discharged in like manner and by authority of the same parliament.

Christopher Bekansawe, gent., discharged in like manner by authority of the parliament held on 30 May, 1546.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 February, 37 Henry VIII., A.D. 1545-6, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, DAVID BROKE, JOHN BEAMONT, JOHN CARELL, JOHN TAWE, ANTHONY STAPLETON, JOHN OTELEY, and ROBERT KEYLWAY.

Many, the elder, amerced 5*li.* for not exercising the office of marshal at last Christmas.

Charles Fox amerced 40*s.* for not exercising the office of constable marshal.

Master Hassat amerced 40*s.* for not exercising the office of common sergeant.

Master Hach amerced 40*s.* for not exercising the office of master of the revels.

Order that Snede, the younger, shall be in commons again and be taken to be a fellow as he was before, so that he pay all the duties of the House and make agreement with Master Chidley, Bower, and the panierman.

Auditors to hear the account of Master Blackwall, churchwarden:—Master Broke, Master Tawe, and Master Willoughby.

Master Willoughby elected warden of the church, and the goods and ornaments of the same.

Order that Master Willoughby and three other of the outer barristers, with as many of the Middle Temple, shall make a true inventory of all the goods and ornaments of the church, and bring it to the treasurer.

PARLIAMENT held on 30 May, 38 Henry VIII., A.D. 1546, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, RICHARD WARD, JOHN BEAMOUNT, JOHN CARELL, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN TAWE, ANTHONY STAPLETON, THOMAS SANDERS, ROBERT KEYLWAY, and THOMAS GAWDY.

Order that Master Saunders, being elected reader for the summer vacation, shall provide for the same and supply the room without any delay, and that the default of Master Cocke, who was chosen reader for the summer vacation last past, shall be declared to the King's Majesty and to the Queen's Grace, and thereupon a further order taken for the same.

Order that the amercements of 5*s.* upon each butler for his default be mitigated to 20*d.*

Order that Bower, the eldest butler, be pensioned, and that he have the rewards and fees.

"Memorandum, it is furder ordered that the gentilmen of the company schall reforme them selffes in ther cutt or disguysed apparell, and shall not have long berdes and that thezaurour schall comon with thother thezaurours of court for a unyfforme reformacion therin, and to know the justicez opynyons therin, and thereupon to performe the same."

Order that the readers shall read fully three weeks and three days in both the vacations at least, or else the reader to be amerced.

Reader for the autumn vacation :—Master Saunders.

Attendants :—Master Keylway and Master Taw.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 June, 38 Henry VIII., A.D. 1546, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, JOHN BEAMONT, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN TAWE, JOHN LUCAS, JOHN COCK, THOMAS SAUNDERS, JOHN KEYLWEY, and THOMAS GAWDY.

Whereas Mr. Saunders was elected and appointed to read this summer vacation, Master Cock here present has offered and promised faithfully to read at the said summer vacation, all excuses laid aside, it is therefore ordered that the said Master Saunders shall not at this time read, but that the said Master Cock is now elected reader for the said summer vacation.

Attendants :—Master Tawe and Master Saunders.

Order that the readers of the three Houses of Chancery shall keep their readings and moots during the full and whole time of the terms and learning vacations, by themselves or their sufficient deputy thereto appointed and admitted by the bench, then here being, upon pain and forfeiture for every offence of 40*s.*

And that every outer barrister and junior barrister or other able to go forth to moots, shall be ready upon request to him made by any of the said readers or their deputy, to go with them to the said moots, except he be discharged by the said reader upon a reasonable cause shown, upon pain and forfeiture for every default of 20*d.*

Stewards :—Master Carleton, Master Culpepper, and Master Saunders.

Marshals :—Master Fetiplace, Master Danyell, and Master Denys, M.

Butler :—Master Andrew, R., Master Eston, and Master Leveson, A.

PARLIAMENT held on 15 October, 38 Henry VIII., A.D. 1546, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, JOHN BEAMONT, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN TAWE, and THOMAS GAWDY.

Admission of Edward Pynchester on 10 October, and he is discharged from all offices, Christmases, and vacations (except the office of marshal), for 40*s.*

The pension is assessed at 4*s.* because John Whiddon and David Broke, fellows of this House, with others, be elected serjeants and take upon them the estate of serjeants on the morrow after the Purification of Our Lady next to come.

PARLIAMENT held on 21 October, 38 Henry VIII., A.D. 1546, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, DAVID BROKE, JOHN BEAMONT, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARELL, JOHN TAW, JOHN COCK, THOMAS SAUNDERS, ROBERT KEYLWEY, and THOMAS GAWDY.

The matter of Master Cock concerning his reading respited till next parliament.

Memorandum, that John Baker, the eldest butler, on account of his good service to the House for 20 years, is admitted to sit at the nether end of the clerks' commons during his life, having meat and drink as others have, without paying any commons or other charges. And he shall yearly collect the pensions and dockets, and account for the same to the treasurer, and he shall have 12*d.* in the pound of all that he collects.

S—— admitted to be youngest butler.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 November, 38 Henry VIII., A.D. 1546, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, JOHN WHIDDON, DAVID BROKE, JOHN BEAUMONT, JOHN CARELL, JOHN OTELEY, JOHN TAWE, JOHN LUCAS, ROBERT KEYLWAY, and THOMAS GAWDY.

Governors :—Master Baker, Master Hare, Master Bradschawe, and Master Chidley.

Reader for Lent :—Master Tawe.

Attendants :—Master Saunders and Master Lucas.

Treasurer :—Master Bradschawe.

Auditors of the treasurer :—Master Broke, Master Beaumont, Master Blackwall, and Master Willoughby.

Auditors of the steward :—Master Carell, Master Tawe, Master J. Clerk, and Master Predieux.

It is agreed that Richard Sewell, the gardener, shall have the

lease of the garden from year to year, as long as he demeans himself honestly, paying yearly 53*s.* 4*d.*

It is agreed that the aid groat [1] shall no longer be paid.

Stewards for Christmas :—Master Culpeper, Master Hollys, and Master Saunders.

[Marshals ?] :—Master Fetiplace, Master Many, J., and Master Wate.

Butlers :—Master Andrew, Master Eston, and Master Leveson, A.

Constable Marshal :—Master Kele.

Common serjeant :—Master Predyers (*sic*), the elder.

Master of the revels :—Master Leke, Master Lee, Master Mayney, the younger, Master Predyeux, the younger.

William Paulet discharged from all offices and vacations, and has liberty to be out of commons at his pleasure, for 50*s.*

William Courtney discharged in like manner.

Thomas Heydon also discharged in like manner for 40*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on 21 November, 38 Henry VIII., A.D. 1546, before JOHN WHIDDON, DAVID BROKE, JOHN BEAMONT, JOHN CARELL, JOHN OTELEY, JOHN TAWE, JOHN LUCAS, THOMAS SAUNDERS, ROBERT KEYLWEY, and THOMAS GAWDY.

John Cowper discharged from all offices and vacations, and has licence to be out of commons at his pleasure, for 40*s.*

Memorandum, that John Slanning, steward of this House, for his good service and for having discharged the same House against all manner of victuallers and accounted before Master Carell, Master Tawe, Master Clerk, and Master Predieux for all his receipts is now upon humble suit discharged from his said office. And he is admitted fellow of the same House and shall be at the clerks' commons during his pleasure, and shall not be called to the masters' commons against his will, and he shall be discharged from all offices, etc. And it is agreed that the treasurer and governors shall assist the said John to

[1] That is the 4*d.*, or groat, ordered to be paid at the parliament held on November 16th, 1544.

collect such commons and duties as are due to him, and the said treasurer shall deliver up to him his obligation made to the House and shall receive the Precedent Books and Rolls of Commons.

PARLIAMENT held on 29 November, 38 Henry VIII., A.D. 1546, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, JOHN WHIDDON, DAVID BROKE, JOHN BEAMONT, JOHN CARRELL, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN TAWE, JOHN LUCAS, JOHN COCKE, ROBERT KEYLWEY, and THOMAS GAWDY.

Order that the steward shall daily after dinner and supper, in the kitchen, make his book of account of victuals and of the kitchen, in the presence of the cooks and butlers.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 January, 38 Henry VIII., A.D. 1546-7, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, JOHN WHIDDON, DAVID BROKE, JOHN BEAUMONT, JOHN CARELL, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN OTELEY, JOHN TAWE, ROBERT KEYLWEY, and THOMAS GAWDY.

Order that Leonard Perpoynt[1] be discharged from the company of the House and from all his forfeitures and Christmases, because he is unable to continue in the same, and he has paid for his discharge 20*s*.

Order that if any person called or to be called to the bench to read, refuse to read at or upon his election as reader, that he shall lose his place upon the bench, and shall immediately be remitted to the bar, and pay for his fine 40*li*.

The amercements upon Master Parker and Master Leke for not executing the office of master of the revels are affered or assessed at 5*li*. each.

Memorandum, that the treasurer by consent of the company has

[1] In a duplicate of this entry a few lines lower, crossed out, there is added that the reason of his discharge was because "he lacketh exhibition and is not able to pay his duties."

admitted Lawrence Hamond as chief butler, and Thurston Bamforth as second butler of the House, and they shall enjoy their rooms so long as they demean themselves honestly.

Admission of John Blont, and he is discharged from all vacations, etc., for 46*s.* 8*d.*

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EDWARD VI.

PARLIAMENT held on 8 February, 1 Edward VI., A.D. 1546-7, before JOHN BEAMONT, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARELL, ROBERT KEYLWEY, and THOMAS GAWDY.

GOVERNORS:—Master Baker, Master Hare, Master Bradschawe, and Master Chidley.

"Memorandum, it is ordered at this parleament that the cheiff butler schall from hensforth make and enter in a parchement roll all the namez, surnames, habitacion, and county of every felowe, and his speciall or generall admyttance, and the day and yere thereoff, and his plegges."

Stewards of the dinner of Master Tawe, reader in Lent:—Master Charles and Master Harpar.

Master Willoughby is commanded to be of the bench, and has promised to read according to the order of the House.

Master Maurice Denys, steward of last Christmas, is for his good service to the House to accompany the benchers on the bench.

Admission of John Bodyam, and he is discharged from all vacations, etc., for 40*s.* paid to Henry Bradschawe, treasurer.

Like admission of Robert Harrington.

Like admission of George Hawe.

PARLIAMENT held on 1 May, 1 Edward VI., A.D. 1547, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, JOHN BEAMONT, JOHN CARELL, JOHN TAWE, ROBERT KEYLWEY, THOMAS GAWDY, and GEORGE WILLOUGHBY.

Governors:—as before.

Reader for autumn:—Master Thomas Sanders.

Attendants:—Master Lucas and Master Keylwey.

Pensions assessed at 2*s*.

Auditors for Master Malet, church warden for the past year:—Master Tawe and Master Gawdy.

Master Smyth chosen to be warden of the church for the year ensuing.

Memorandum, that Thomas Sampson, John Bradfford, and John Seymour are admitted fellows and discharged from all offices, etc., and may be out of commons at their pleasure (not living in their chambers) for 40*s*. each, to be paid by Sampson and Bradford, and 20*s*. by Seymour.

Edmund Markame, fellow of this House, at the instance of Master Lucas and for 4 marks, is discharged from all forfeitures and fines for Christmases and vacations past and to come, and may be out of commons at his pleasure (not living in the House).

Admission of Thomas Hawes, and he is discharged from all vacations, etc.

Like admission of John Croke, the younger.

PARLIAMENT held on 22 October, 1 Edward VI., A.D. 1547, before NICHOLAS HARE, JOHN LATTON, JOHN BEAMONT, JOHN CARELL, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN LUCAS, THOMAS GAWDY, and GEORGE WYLLOUGHBY.

Order that whereas Thomas Saunders, gent., who was chosen reader for the last summer vacation, refused to undertake the same office, to the great slander and detriment of this House, therefore he is discharged from the bench and remitted to be at the utter barristers' board, and to be reputed as an utter barrister, according to an order of 28 January 1546-7.

Order that all those of the company that were bound to keep the "meane vacation" and the learning vacation since Trinity term last, and have made default of the "meane vacation" before the learning vacation last, shall be amerced 20*s*. each, "and that, for the learning vacation and latter mean vacation shall be admitted them at the next time, and not to be amerced for their new defaults."

Memorandum, that Richard Canon, steward of this House, for his good service and for honestly discharging this House against all manner of victuallers, and having promised to account fully before his auditors, is now discharged from his said office upon his humble suit, and is admitted a fellow of this House being discharged from all vacations, etc. And it is agreed the treasurer and company shall assist the said steward in the collection of his duties and arrears. And the said treasurer, after account has been made, shall deliver up to him his obligation and shall receive the Precedent Books and Rolls of Commons.

It is agreed that Lawrence Hamond, now chief butler, for his good service shall have the office of steward, and Thurston Bamfforth shall be chief butler, and Thomas Eden shall be second butler, and —— Mozer, the third butler.

Poole, fellow of this House, is discharged from all forfeitures and vacations, and has licence to be out of commons at his pleasure (not lying in the House) for 4 marks.

PARLIAMENT held on 2 November, 1 Edward VI., A.D. 1547, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, JOHN LATTON, JOHN BEAMONT, JOHN CARELL, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN TAWE, and GEORGE WILLOUGHBY.

Governors :—Sir John Baker, knight, Sir Nicholas Hare, knight, Henry Bradschawe, and John Beamont.

Pensions assessed this year at 2*s*.

Reader for Lent :—Master Keylway.

Attendants :—Master Lucas and Master Gawdy.

Auditors for the steward :—Master Beamont, Master Carell, Master Blackwall, and Master Hassat.

Auditors for the treasurer :—Master Carell, Master Willoughby, Master Gawdy, and Master Taw.

Treasurer :—Master Beamont.

Stewards for Christmas :—Master Arscot, Sir Thomas Hollys and Andrewez, R.

Marshals :—Appowell, Thomas Byschoppe, and Baskervile.

Butlers :—Cowper, R., Draner, and Tavernour.

Common serjeant :—Tremayn.

Constable :—Master Wright.

Clerk of the kitchen :—Master Symons.

Admission of John Mounson, and he is discharged from all offices, etc. (except that of marshal), and may be out of commons, etc., for 40*s.*

Like admission of Master Chamberleyn, with discharge from all offices except that of steward.

Like admission of Master Thomas Copeley with discharge from all offices except that of marshal.

Order that Henry Bradschawe, now treasurer, shall complete the erecting of the buildings begun by him "boith at the toppynges, the wall and the new erected chaumbers betwene Barryngtyn's Rentes and the kechyn of the maister of the Temple, and then to accompt of his resceits and exploytes," and hereafter to admit gentlemen of the House into the said new chambers, taking fines of them towards the charges of finishing the premises.

Forasmuch as the House was much annoyed by the common recourse of all sorts of people into the House and garden by a door through the yard and alley of one William Brellout, to the great displeasure, annoyance, and disturbance of the gentlemen of the House, wherefore for the voidance thereof the said William hath taken of the treasurer of the House, by the assent of the benchers of the same House, one void piece of ground now by the said William inclosed with a brick wall containing in length from the garden wall of the master of the Temple to the Serjeants' Inn wall —— feet, and in breadth between the said brick wall and the wall of the garden of one —— at the west end —— feet, and in breadth between the said brick wall and the house of the said William in the east side —— feet. It is now at this parliament agreed that the said William, his heirs and assigns, shall from henceforth hold and enjoy the said parcel of waste enclosed by the brick wall at the yearly rent of 12*d.*

PARLIAMENT held on 6 November, 1 Edward VI., A.D. 1547, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, JOHN LATTON, JOHN CARELL, JOHN OTELEY, JOHN TAWE, JOHN LUCAS, JOHN COKKE, ROBERT KEYLWEY, and THOMAS GAWDY. JOHN BEAUMONT, esquire, being treasurer.

Master Gawdy elected reader for Lent, and he shall not be compelled to read according to the ancient ordinance as to the number of readings, but this is referred to his discretion.

Attendant:—Master Wylloughbye.

Governors:—Sir John Baker, knight, Sir Nicholas Hare, knight, Henry Bradshawe, and John B., treasurer.

PARLIAMENT held on 24 November, 1 Edward VI., A.D. 1547, before HENRY BRADSHAWE, JOHN LATTON, JOHN CARELL, JOHN OTELEY, JOHN LUCAS, JOHN COKKE, ROBERT KEYLWEY, THOMAS GAWDY, and GEORGE WILLOUGHBYE.

[No entries.]

PARLIAMENT held on 20 December, 1 Edward VI., A.D. 1547, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, and JOHN CARELL, esquire.

Stewards for Christmas who were called and did not appear:—Master Arscott, Hollys, T., knight, and Andrews, R.

Marshals who were called and did not appear:—Appowell, Bysshop, T., and Baskervyle.

Butlers who were called and did not appear:—Cowper, R., Draner, and Tavernour.

Tremayn, the common serjeant, appeared.

Master Wryght, R., constable, was called and did not appear.

Master Symons, clerk of the kitchen, was called and did not appear.

PARLIAMENT held on 5 February, 2 Edward VI., A.D. 1547-8, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, HENRY BRADSCHAWE, JOHN LATTON, JOHN CARELL, JOHN OTELEY, JOHN TAWE, JOHN LUCAS, ROBERT KEYLWEY, THOMAS GAWDY, and GEORGE WYLLOUGHBY.

Order that all those who were chosen for offices at Christmas and made default shall pay the amercements according to the order.

Master Symonds and Master Woode chosen stewards of the reader's dinner in Lent next.

Special admission of Master Shelley, son of Edward Shelley.

Order that John Grome, in consideration that he has been so long servant in the House and is fallen into poverty, shall have yearly 13*s.* 4*d.* during the pleasure of the governors and company.

Special admission of Master Michael Hare, Master Nicholas Hare, Master Robert Hare, and Master Edmund Whyte, and they are discharged from all vacations, Christmases, and offices, and may be out of commons at their pleasure so long as they lie not in the House.

Special admission of Thomas Ascheby and Walter Denham, as above.

Special admission of Edmund Jamez, for 40*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on 30 April, 2 Edward VI., A.D. 1548, before HENRY BRADSHAWE, attorney general of the King, RICHARD WARDE, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARELL, THOMAS GAWDY, and GEORGE WILLOUGHBY.

Reader for autumn vacation :—Master George Wylloughbye.

Attendants :—Master Cokke and Master Symons.

PARLIAMENT held on 13 May, 2 Edward VI., A.D. 1548, before HENRY BRADSHAWE, attorney general, JOHN CARELL, JOHN BOSSE, THOMAS GAWDY, and GEORGE WYLLOUGHBYE.

[No entries.]

PARLIAMENT held on 18 June, 2 Edward VI., A.D. 1548, before JOHN BOSSE, GEORGE WYLLOUGHBYE, and RICHARD BLAKWELL.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Master Gourden and Master Gawdy, the younger.

Churchwarden for this year:—Master Fuller.

Auditors for the same:—Master Willoughbye and Master Hassett.

PARLIAMENT held on 19 June, 2 Edward VI., A.D. 1548, before HENRY BRADSHAWE, attorney general, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARELL, JOHN TAWE, JOHN LUCAS, ANTHONY STAPLETON, GEORGE WYLLOUGHBYE, and RALPH BLAKWALL.

[No entries].

PARLIAMENT held on 12 November, 2 Edward VI., A.D. 1548, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, HENRY BRADSHAWE, attorney general, JOHN CARELL, JOHN TAWE, THOMAS GAWDY, and ROBERT KEYLWEY.

Pensions assessed at *2s.*

Admission of Thomas Eden, second butler, upon the request of John Beamount, now treasurer, and he shall be at the clerks' commons during his pleasure and not be called to the masters' commons against his will, and he is discharged from offices, etc. and may be out of commons at his pleasure.

Reader for Lent:—Master George Wylloughby.

Attendants:—Master Stapleton and Master Symons.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 February, 3 Edward VI., A.D. 1548-9, before HENRY BRADSHAWE, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARELL, JOHN TAWE, JOHN OTELEY, ROBERT KEYLWEY, THOMAS GAUDY, and GEORGE WYLLOUGHBY.

Reader for Lent:—George Willoughbye.

Attendants:—Master Stapleton and Master Symons.

Stewards for the reader's dinner :—Master Gourden and Master Gawdy, the younger.

James Fouler pardoned all offices, vacations, etc. (pensions excepted), and may be out of commons at his pleasure, at the instance of Anthony Stapulton and by authority of parliament.

Hugh Evers pardoned in like manner.

PARLIAMENT held on 20 March, 3 Edward VI., A.D. 1548-9, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, HENRY BRADSHAWE, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARELL, JOHN OTELEY, ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KYELWEY, THOMAS GAWDY, and —— TRACY.

Reader for autumn :—Master Symons.

Attendants :—Master Lucas and Master Blakwell.

PARLIAMENT held on 20 May, 3 Edward VI., A.D. 1549.

Special admission of Henry Whyte, gent., and he is discharged from all offices, etc., and from keeping Christmas and mean vacations, except the office of marshal, and may be out of commons at his pleasure, not lying in the House. Certified by John Beamont, treasurer.

PARLIAMENT held on 2 June, 3 Edward VI., A.D. 1549, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARELL, ROBERT KEYLWAY, THOMAS GAWDY, GEORGE WYLLOUGHBYE, and RICHARD BLAKWELL.

Stewards for the vacation :—Master Estofte and Master Snede.

Churchwarden :—Master Predex.

Allowance to Bamfford of 40*s.* for cheese and ale (*cer'*).

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 3 Edward VI., A.D. 1549, before HENRY BRADSHAWE, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARELL, ROBERT KEYLWAY, GEORGE WYLLOUGHBYE, RICHARD BLAKWALL, and JAMES SMYTH.

Reader for Lent:—Richard Blakwall.

Attendants:—Master Cok, Master Cherles, Master Carell, and Master Willoughby.

Auditors for the treasurer:—Master Gawdy, Master Walter, and Master Bosse.

Auditors for the steward:—Master Ward and Master Snede.

Stewards for Christmas:—Master Essex, Master Arscote, and Sir Thomas Holles.

Marshals:—Master Baskervyle, Master Caryngton, Master Dormer, W., Master Jernyngham (?).

Butlers:—Cowper, R., Draner and Master Duke.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 July (*sic*) 3 Edward VI., A.D. 1549, before HENRY BRADSHAWE, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARELL, JOHN TAWE, ROBERT KEYLWEY, and WILLIAM SYMONS.

John Charles, James Smyth, and John Fuller called to the bench.

Thomas Gawdy, son of Thomas Gawdy, the elder, pardoned all offices, etc., at the instance of George Wylloughbye, reader in Lent, 1549.

Special admission of Elias Gryme, and he is discharged from all vacations, etc., and may be out of commons at his pleasure, for a fine of 40*s.*

Special admission of John Smyth.

Special admission of William Weste, gent.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 December, 3 Edward VI., A.D. 1549, before THOMAS GAWDY, the elder, JAMES SMYTHE, and RICHARD RANDALL.

Special admission of Leonard Randall.

James Smyth elected reader for Lent, in default of Richard Blakwell, by reason of the infirmity of the said Richard.

PARLIAMENT held on — January, 3 Edward VI., A.D. 1549-50, before HENRY BRADSHAWE, JOHN CARELL, JOHN TAWE, THOMAS GAWDEY, the elder, GEORGE WILLOUGHBY, and JAMES SMYTH.

Attendants :—Master Cock and Master Charles.

Stewards :—Master Estoffte and Master Snede.

Order that an aid roll shall be made this week and every one of the fellows to pay every week 4*d.*, until it be otherwise ordered, for the dearth of bread and ale. And the clerks' commons to pay after the same rate.

PARLIAMENT held on 5 February, 4 Edward VI., A.D. 1549-50, before HENRY BRADSHAWE, JOHN CARELL, JOHN TAWE, THOMAS GAWDY, GEORGE WILLOUGHBY, JAMES SMYTHE, and J. FULLER.

Order that Gurdon, Seyborn, Crofton, Hasset, Predyeux, J., and Gawdy shall be called to the bench "saving to every man his auncient."

Order that the chief butler shall have for cheese "spent" 20*s.* extraordinary.

PARLIAMENT held on 4 May, 4 Edward VI., A.D. 1550, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, HENRY BRADSHAWE, JOHN BOSSE, GEORGE WILLOUGHBY, RICHARD BLACKWALL, J. FULLER, JOHN PREDYAUX, and others.

Reader for the autumn :—John Fuller.

Attendants :—Master Gawdy, the elder, and Master Gurdon.

Special admission of John Wade for 40*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on 18 May, 4 Edward VI., A.D. 1550, before JOHN CARELL, ROBERT KEYLWEY, THOMAS GAWDY, and GEORGE WYLLOUGHBY.

Stewards :—Master Harpoure and Master Williams.

PARLIAMENT held on 14 October, 4 Edward VI., A.D. 1550, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, JOHN CARELL, JOHN TAWE, and THOMAS GAWDY.

Order that John Fuller be discharged from the company and not be acknowledged by the society because he was elected reader, and having taken upon him the same office, retired, refusing to exercise it, to the great detriment and scandal of the House. And he shall give for a fine 100 marks. And it is commanded the treasurer that his name be taken off the roll of pensions, which was done.

Special admission of Francis Cokayn, and he is pardoned all vacations, etc., and may be out of commons at his pleasure, when he is not lying in the Temple.

PARLIAMENT held on 2 November, 4 Edward VI., A.D. 1550, before JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARELL, THOMAS GAWDY, the elder, RICHARD TRACY, JOHN PREDYAUX, and THOMAS GAWDY, the younger.

Stewards for Christmas:—Master Arscote, Master Hollys, and Master Sneyde.

Marshals:—Master Caryngton, Master Jernyngham, and Master Barnaby, the elder.

Butler:—Master Draner, Master Duke, and Master Basche.

Auditors for the treasurer:—Master Bosse, Master Gawdy, Master Woode, and Master Sneyd.

Auditors for the steward:—Master Tracy, Master Predyaux, Master Reyvett, and Master Thornhyll.

PARLIAMENT held on 17 November, 4 Edward VI., A.D. 1550, before JOHN TAWE, JOHN LUCAS, RICHARD BLACKWALL, RICHARD TRACY, and THOMAS GAWDY, the younger.

Special admission of Thomas Oneley, and he is pardoned all offices, vacations, feasts of Christmas, and all other charges whatso-

ever (pensions and commons only excepted), and may be out of commons at his pleasure so long as he does not lie in the House of the Temple.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 November, 4 Edward VI., A.D. 1550, before JOHN CARELL, JOHN TAWE, THOMAS GAWDY, the elder, RICHARD BLACKWALL, JOHN PREDYAUX, and THOMAS GAWDY, the younger.

Admission of Robert Bedyll, gent., and he is pardoned all offices, etc., and may be out of commons at his will, so long as he does not lie in the House of the Temple. And he gives for a fine, 40*s*.

Admission of Richard Turvyle, gent., as above.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 February, 5 Edward VI., A.D. 1550-1, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, HENRY BRADSCHAWE, JOHN CARRELL, JOHN TAWE, ROBERT KEYLWEY, THOMAS GAWDY, the elder, RICHARD BLACKWALL, and others.

Governors:—Sir John Baker, knight, Sir Nicholas Hare, knight, Henry Bradschawe, and John Bosse, treasurer.

Attendants on Master Lucas, reader in Lent:—Master Stapylton and Master Blackwall.

Stewards of the dinner:—Master Harpure and Master Wylliams.

Auditors:—Master Carrell, Master Predyaux, Master Woode, G., and Master Walle.

Admission of Edward Unton, gent., and he is pardoned all offices, etc., and gives for a fine, 40*s*.

Admission of William Underhyll, gent., and he is pardoned all offices, etc., and gives for a fine, 40*s*.

Special Admission of Robert Wood, gent., as above, and he gives for a fine, 40*s*.

Special admission of Robert Wythe, gent., as above.

Admission of Thomas Beard, gent., as above.

PARLIAMENT held on 19 April, 5 Edward VI., A.D. 1551, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, JOHN CARELL, JOHN TAWE, ROBERT KEILWEY, RICHARD BLAKWALL, and others.

Reader for the summer vacation :—Master Charles.

Attendants :—Master Symondes and Master Gawde, the younger.

Auditors for the church roll :—Master Williams and Master Thruston.

PARLIAMENT held on 30 April, 5 Edward VI., A.D. 1551, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, JOHN CARELL, JOHN LUCAS, ROBERT KEILWEY, RICHARD BLAKWELL, JOHN PREDYEUX, and THOMAS GAWDY, the younger.

Master Charles discharged of his reading for the next vacation, and he is chosen for the summer vacation.

Master Gurdon elected reader for the next summer vacation.

Stewards of the reader's dinner :—Master Walle and Master Randall.

Richard Blackwall, by reason of his infirmity, is discharged by authority of parliament from all vacations, offices, readings, and attendances, paying 40*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on 10 May, 5 Edward VI., A.D. 1551, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, HENRY BRADSCHAWE, JOHN CARELL, JOHN LUCAS, THOMAS GAWDY, RICHARD BLAKWEYLL, RICHARD RANDALL, JOHN PREDIEUX, and THOMAS GAWDE, the younger.

Reader for the summer vacation :—Master Predeux.

The officers for Christmas to be as they were appointed last year.

Master Nolens discharged from all duties and pensions, and to be now out of pensions for 4 marks, which is paid.

All duties due in the old treasurer's time and not paid, to be now paid, and the butler be allowed for cheese, 10*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on 18 October, 5 Edward VI., A.D. 1551, before JOHN CARELL, JOHN TAWE, ROBERT KAYLEWEY, and THOMAS GAWDE.

[No entries.]

PARLIAMENT held on 2 November, 5 Edward VI., A.D. 1551, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, JOHN CARELL, ROBERT KEYLWEY, THOMAS GAWDE, RICHARD BLAKWALL, JOHN PREDEUX, and THOMAS GAWDE, the younger.

Reader for Lent:—Master Predeux.

Attendants:—Master Stapleton and Master Gawde, the younger.

Master Gurdon fined 10*li.* for refusing to come to the bench and to read.

Stewards for Christmas :—Abell, Bisshopp, T., and Wade.

Marshals :—Luson, Basshe, and Andrewes, T.

Butlers :—Drayner, Duke, and Cooper, R.

Treasurer :—Master Carell.

Auditors for the treasurer's account :—Master Keillwey, Master Prideux, Revet, and Wod.

Auditors for the steward's account :—Master Stapleton, Master Gawde, the younger, Pole, and Walle.

PARLIAMENT held on 22 November, 5 Edward VI., A.D. 1551, before JOHN BOSSE, ROBERT KEYLWEY, JOHN PREDYAUX, RICHARD RANDALL, AND THOMAS GAWDY, the younger.

"Memorandum, that it is enacted at this parliament that if any that hath a chamber in this House be indebted to the House, and his debt demanded by the butler by commandment of the bench, openly in the hall, in the term time, three several terms one after another, once in every term, and the debt not paid, that then, if any other fellow of the House will pay that debt and desire to have his ancienty (*awnsyenty*) in the chamber that so oweth the debt, and his study, he shall have it, and the other so indebted to lose his chamber, and the other nevertheless to stand debtor to the House for

so much debt as he oweth, and that to remain in the advantage of the House."

"It is further[1] enacted for the more speedier payment of commons that the steward shall every week, upon the Saturday at night, if there be supper, and if there be no supper that night then the next day at dinner, bring his old roll of the commons of the week past before the last account and shall show it to the ancient at the bench for the time being, and in default of the bench to the ancient at the outer bar, and in default of the outer bar to the ancient in commons for that time, and thereupon the same ancient, with the advice of others of the company, to send for such as have not paid their commons, and if they pay not out of hand, they not paying to be discharged of commons till they pay, and the steward for default of showing his roll as is aforesaid, to forfeit to the House for every default 6*s.* 8*d.*"

PARLIAMENT held on 20 December, 5 Edward VI., A.D. 1551, before ROBERT KEYLWEY and JOHN PREDYAUX.

At this parliament Master Abell and Master Bisshopp, chosen stewards, did not appear, and Master Wade did appear and was ready to undertake the office.

Master Luson, Master Basshe, and Master Andrewez, T., chosen marshals and made default.

Master Draner, Master Duke, and Master Cooper, R., chosen butlers and made default.

PARLIAMENT held on 31 January, 6 Edward VI., A.D. 1551-2, before JOHN BOSSE, ROBERT KEYLWEY, THOMAS GAWDY, the elder, RICHARD BLACKWALL, and RICHARD RANDALL.

"At this parliament it is ordered that forasmuch as the common fare at dinners and suppers is very slender over that it hath been in times past, by reason of the dearth of all things, and considering that

[1] Against this entry is a note, "As appears 27 November, 9 Elizabeth, and 16 May, 5 Elizabeth."

the breakfasts used in this House is very small, and yet the keeping thereof is a great charge to the House by occasion of expenses of bread and drink. In consideration thereof there shall be no more breakfasts, but instead thereof there shall be allowed 6*d.* to three at dinner and 6*d.* to four at supper in flesh, and for fish days the allowances to be as hath been used without breakfast. This order to continue till other order to be taken."

"Item, because of the said dearth and that the House runneth at this present, weekly, in great apparels, so that if provision and order should not be taken for remedy thereof, the House cannot be maintained, it is ordered that the commons shall be weekly from henceforth of the masters' commons, 3*s.* 4*d.*, and at the clerks' commons, 2*s.* 10*d.*, and the varlets', 20*d.* And this order to continue till further order be taken."

"Item, that no woman shall have recourse to the gentlemen's chambers for any cause, except it be as suitors to 'experyensors' in term times, openly, without evil suspect, upon pain of forfeiture of 3*s.* 4*d.* for every time any such woman shall have resort, the same to be paid by the gentleman that lieth in the chamber whereunto any such resort shall be found or perceived."

PARLIAMENT held on —— February, 6 Edward VI., A.D. 1551-2, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, ROBERT KEYLWAY, THOMAS GAWDY, the elder, RICHARD RANDALL, JOHN PREDYAUX, and others.

Order that Master Wade be called to the bench for the sum of 10*li.* to the use of the company.

Order that Master Henry Polsted be called to the bench for the sum of 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to the use of the company, provided always that it shall be no precedent to any other hereafter to be called to the bench because he never exercised any office in this House.

Master Abell and Master Bushope, T., amerced 10*li.* each for not exercising the office of steward for Christmas.

Master Luson, Master Basche, and Master Andrewes, T., amerced 5*li.* each for not exercising the office of marshal.

Master Draner and Master Duke amerced 5*li.* each for not exercising the office of butler.

PARLIAMENT held on 8 May, 6 Edward VI., A.D. 1552, before RICHARD WARD, JOHN BOSSE, and ROBERT KAYLWAY.

Order that the company shall have breakfast as in time past.

Special admission of —— Long, and he is pardoned all offices for the fine of 5 marks, paid to John Caryll, treasurer.

PARLIAMENT held on 22 May, 6 Edward VI., A.D. 1552, before JOHN BOSSE, ROBERT KEYLWEY, RICHARD BLACKWALL, RICHARD RANDALL, and THOMAS GAWDY, the younger.

This Parliament for divers urgent causes is adjourned till the 24th of this month, at which day it was for like causes adjourned till the 30th ofthe same month.

PARLIAMENT held on 30 May, 6 Edward VI., A.D. 1552, before ROBERT CHUDLEY, JOHN BOSSE, ROBERT KEYLWAY, and others.

At this parliament, upon the long suit by Master Fuller, who was put out of this company because he was elected reader and made default, it was ordered that the said Fuller be re-admitted into this company by the sole assent of this parliament, and he shall have his ancienty of all such as have not read at the time of this his submission. And he promises to read at this next vacation if the serjeant elect does not read. And he shall abide the order of this House of parliament for his fine for his default.

Commencement of an order as to —— Trelawny.

PARLIAMENT[1] held on 19 June, 6 Edward VI., A.D. 1552, before JOHN TAWE, ANTHONY STAPULTON, THOMAS GAWDY, ROBERT KEYLWEY, JOHN PREDYAUX, and others.

Whereas it appears that the King has directed his writ to Master Gawdy, the elder, and Master Keilway to take upon them the degree

[1] Fol. 113 of MS. See note on p. 50.

of serjeant at law in Michaelmas term next, and therefore according to the ancient order of this House they have desired that the puisne of the said serjeants elect may read this next vacation, and as it is as yet doubted which of them is puisne (*pewny*) and for other considerations, it is ordered that the matter be deferred till next parliament to be then fully discussed.

Master Warnford and Master Pole elected stewards for the reader's dinner for autumn, 1552.

PARLIAMENT held 3 July, 6 Edward VI., A.D. 1552, before JOHN BOSSE, ANTHONY STAPYLTON, THOMAS GAWDY, and others.

Memorandum, that the election of the reader is yet deferred till the opinion of justices be known which of the serjeants elect ought to read.

Stewards for Christmas :—Andrewes, T., Charles, and Duke.

Marshals for Christmas :—Chayney, Hungerford, Harryngton, the elder, and Mayne, the younger.

Butlers for Christmas :—Godfray, Cooper, R., and Lathom.

Order that the masters' commons, out of the term, shall be at 3*s.*, the clerks' commons at 2*s.* 6*d.*, the varlets' at 18*d.*, and in term time the commons to be according to the order made at the parliament held 31 January, 1551-2. And this order to continue till further order herein be taken.

Whereas Master Hugh Smythe was put out of commons for giving Master Lawton, one of the outer barristers, a blow on the ear, because the said Lawton counselled some one to arrest the brother of the said Smythe for debt, which offence is of such importance that, for the perilous example thereof, it may not well be remitted, but considering it is the first time the said Smythe has been put out of commons, and that he has been out of commons for a quarter of a year, upon his humble suit it is ordered that the said Smythe shall for his offence pay to the use of the company 5 marks for a fine, after which he shall be received again into fellowship and commons, upon condition that he shall from henceforth obey and observe all such orders, statutes, and rules as have been heretofore made and hereafter shall be made. And if he at any time hereafter

commit any offence for which he is put of commons, then he shall be immediately and *ipso facto* discharged out of the company for ever, not to be re-admitted at any time after.

PARLIAMENT held on 12 October, 6 Edward VI., A.D. 1552, before JOHN BEAMOUNT, ROBERT KEYLWEY, THOMAS GAWDY, the elder, and RICHARD HARPOURE.

Pensions assessed at 4*s.* because Master Thomas Gawdy, the elder, is elected to take upon him the state and degree of serjeant at the law in the quindene of St. Michael.

" Memorandum, in the quindene of St. Michael, anno regni regis Edwardi sexti, sexto, Thomas Gawdy the elder proceeded serjeant out of the Inner Temple and in the morning of the same day of the said quindene, all the company were assembled in the hall, as well those that were in commons as others in the town, and then when the said company were there assembled, about seven of the clock, the most ancient bencher then and there being, required two of the outer barristers to go to the chamber of the said Master Gawdy and to declare to him that the company were attendant for him in the hall, to wait upon him to Gray's Inn, to bring him to his chamber where the feast was then kept, and so they did. And then the said Master Gawdy came into the hall and standing above the hearth alone and all the company beneath the hearth, he showed the company how he had received the King's writ to be serjeant and therefore must depart from them, and made to them a proposition exhorting them to keep the learning and orders of the House. And after he had so done the eldest bencher gave him thanks for his exhortation in the name of the company, declaring how glad they were of his preferment and that there should such a man depart to that degree out of this House to the honour of the House, and yet sorry they were he should depart. And when he had done, the treasurer delivered him 10*li.* in the name of the whole company."

PARLIAMENT held on 2 November, that is to say, the day of the Commemoration of All Souls [6 Edward VI., A.D. 1552], before JOHN BEAMOUNT, JOHN LUCAS, ROBERT CHYDLEY, ROBERT KEYLWEY, and others.

Reader for next Lent vacation :—Master Stapylton.

Attendants on the reader :—Master Symons and Master Gawdy.

Memorandum, they have elected Master Tawe for their treasurer.

Auditors for the account of John Caryll, the old treasurer :—Master Kaylway and Master Gawdy for the bench, Master Williams, and Master Allat, for the bar.

Auditors for the steward's account :—Master Prydeaux and Master Harper for the bench, and Master Revett and Master Gyrlyngton for the bar.

PARLIAMENT held on 20 November, 6 Edward VI., A.D. 1552, before JOHN BEAMONTE, JOHN CARELL, ROBERT KELWAY, WILLIAM SIMONS, JOHN PREDIEX, RICHARD RANDELLE, HENRY POLSTEDE, THOMAS GAWDYE, and GEORGE WODE.

Officers elected for Christmas :—

Clerk of the kitchen :—Warneford.

Constable Marshals :—Byrte, Lucas, E., and Tyford.

Common Serjeants :—Tremayn, Bromly, the elder, and Manhede.

Serjeant of the lord the King :—Williams.

Masters of the revels :—Hamond, Fisher, Cusacke, and Hamelen.

Masters of the game :—Cople, Stoughten, and Blonte.

PARLIAMENT held on 29 January, 7 Edward VI., A.D. 1552-3, before JOHN BEAMONTE, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARELL, and others.

Special admission of Richard Baker and John Baker, sons of Sir John Baker, knight, and they are pardoned all offices, vacations, and Christmases, and may be out of commons at their pleasure, not lying in the Temple. And they shall pay 4*li.*

Special admission of Richard Argall, and he shall pay 33*s.* 4*d.*

Special admission of Robert Warner, and he shall pay 40*s.*

Special admission of Giles Peny, and he shall pay 50*s.*

Master Andrews, Master Charles, and Master Duke amerced 5*li.* each for not exercising the office of steward for Christmas.

Master Cheyne, Master Hungerford, Master Harryngton, the elder, and Mayne, the younger, amerced 5*li.* each for not exercising the office of marshal.

Master Godfray, Master Couper, R., and Master Lathom, chosen butlers, and, except Couper, made default, therefore the said Godfray and Lathom are amerced 5*li.* each.

William Morgan pardoned all offices and vacations, and may be out of commons at his pleasure except one week in every term and when lying within the House of the Temple, for 40*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on 23 April, 7 Edward VI., A.D. 1553, before RICHARD WARD, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARELL, ANTHONY STAPELTON, and others.

Reader for autumn :—Thomas Gawdy.

Attendants :—Master Symons and Master Harper.

Order that if any attendant upon the reader make default at any time during the vacation, he shall forfeit to the use of the company, 5*li.*

Order that if it shall happen that any gentleman admitted into this company be indebted to the House, he shall not be received from henceforth into commons before he has paid the said debt.

It is agreed that Hugh Hollynshedde shall have the special admission of Master Anthony Stapelton, reader for last Lent, and he is pardoned all offices, etc.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 May, 7 Edward VI., A.D., 1553, before JOHN BEAMONTE, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARELL, ANTHONY STAPELTON, RICHARD BLAKWALL, THOMAS GAWDY, and others.

Stewards for Christmas :—Sheldon, Dormer, Tufton, and Stapelton.

Marshals:—Basketfild, Barette, Chocke, Lucye, Many, the elder, Smyth, Warnecombe, Taverner, and Denton.

Butlers:—Sepolle, Basshe, Fyssher, and Patente.

Order that on account of the great multitude of the company, there shall be a fourth butler elected for serving the said company, and the said fourth butler to have for his yearly wages as much money as the third butler, provided always that the said fourth butler shall be no partner in the "devydent" that is gathered for the butlers at Easter and afterwards.

Thomas Latton pardoned all offices, Christmases and vacations, and may be out of commons at his pleasure, so that he does not lie in the House of the Temple. And he pays for his admission 40*s.*

Like pardon to Thomas Mynde, gent. And he pays for admission 53*s.* 4*d.*

Like pardon to John Culpyper. And he pays to the treasurer 20*s.*

Like pardon to John Faukner, gent., at the instance of John Foller, reader in autumn last.

Like pardon to John Sherley of Stavanton Harwode [Stanton Harold?]. And he pays for a fine to the treasurer 40*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on 15 June, 7 Edward VI., A.D. 1553, before JOHN CARELL, ANTHONY STAPELTON, ROBERT KEYLWAY, JOHN PRIDIOUX, RICHARD BLAKWALL, and others.

Order that no person admitted to the company of this House shall at any time hereafter lodge anyone in his chamber within the Temple, except only his servants, upon pain of forfeiting his chamber and paying 10*s.* to the use of the company.

Order that the library shall be repaired, and the door into Master Beamonte's chamber be closed up, for the safeguard of the books that shall be there brought and laid for the maintenance of the learning of the laws of the realm.

The order to be made for the keeping of moots and cases is deferred to the next meeting.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

QUEEN MARY.

PARLIAMENT held on 15 October, 1 Mary, A.D. 1553, before JOHN BEAMONT, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARELL, RICHARD BLAKWALL, JOHN PREDIOUX, JOHN FULLER, and THOMAS GAWDY.

PENSIONS assessed at 2*s*.

Order, that no fellow of this company shall lodge any person in his chamber in the Temple, except his servants, upon pain of forfeiting his chambers and 10*s*.; and, further, it is ordered that any fellow of the same company lacking a convenient chamber, upon giving information thereof to the treasurer for the time being, and proving the said information to be true, shall be admitted into such chamber according to the orders of the House.

It is agreed that Master Thomas Gawdy shall have a special admission allowed him in consideration that he did read in the summer vacation.

It is agreed that Eden, the butler, shall pay 2*s*. because the moot was lost in vacation for not setting of the form "and denying to be mootable."

PARLIAMENT held on 2 November, that is to say, the day of the Commemoration of All Souls, 1 Mary, A.D. 1553, before JOHN BEAMONT, JOHN CARELL, RICHARD BLACWALL, JOHN PREDIOX, and THOMAS GAWDY.

Reader for next Lent vacation :—Master Cocke.

Attendants on the reader:—Master Symons and Master Harper.

Treasurer :—Master Tawe, elected for the year ensuing.

Auditors for the old treasurer's account :—Master Blacwall and Master Prediox for the bench, and Master Pole and Master Randall for the bar.

Auditors for the steward's account :—Master Beamonte and Master Gawdy, for the bench, and Master Thornell and Master Thorston for the bar.

Special admission of William Hare, son of Sir Nicholas Hare, knight, master of the rolls.

Special admission of Ralph Hare, his cousin, at the instance of the said Sir Nicholas.

William Hare pardoned all offices, vacations, Christmases, and all other charges, (pensions and commons only excepted), and may be out of commons at his pleasure so long as he does not lie in the Inn, at the instance of Sir Nicholas Hare, his father, and for a fine paid to John Taw, treasurer.

Like pardon to Ralph Hare.

PARLIAMENT held on 19 November, 1 Mary, A.D. 1553, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, master of the rolls of the Chancery, JOHN BEAMONTE, JOHN BOSSE, RICHARD BLAKWALL, JOHN PREDIOUX, THOMAS GAWDYE, and GEORGE WODE.

Clerk of the kitchen :—Thomas Wyllyams.

Constable marshal :—Blonte, W., Drakes, and Fitz, the younger.

Common serjeant :—Bromley, the elder.

Serjeants of the Queen :—Fitzherbert and Manwode.

Masters of the revels :—Master Cusacke, Skiddye, Evans, and Kebell.

Master of the game :—Master Lews.

Constable of the tower:—Master Bedell.

Order that after this week commons shall be paid for after the rate of 3*s.* in term time, and 2*s.* 8*d.* out of term.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 November, 1 Mary, A.D., 1553, before SIR JOHN BAKER, knight, SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, JOHN BEAMONTE, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARELL, RICHARD BLAKWALL, JOHN PREDIOX, RICHARD HARPER, GEORGE WODE, and GEORGE WALLE.

At this parliament Master Cocke, being elected reader and refusing to read, is amerced 40*li.*; and Master William Symons is elected to be reader for Lent vacation next ensuing.

Attendants on the reader:—Master James Smyth and Master Richard Harper.

Order that Eden shall be second butler as long as he be not hereafter prejudicial and chargeable to the company of the said House, contrary to the good orders and rules thereof, and John Damport shall be the third butler.

Thomas Carell, at the instance of John Carell, his father, pardoned all offices, vacations, Christmases, and all other charges, and may be out of commons at his pleasure, not lying in the Temple (pensions and commons only excepted) for a fine of 20*s.*

Order, the price of corn and victuals having fallen, that the commons shall be levied at 3*s.* 4*d.* the week in term time and 2*s.* 8*d.* out of term.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 January, 1 Mary A.D. 1553-4, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, master of the rolls, JOHN BOSSE, ROBERT KEYLWAY, WILLIAM SYMONS, JOHN PREDIOX, RICHARD HERPER, and GEORGE WODE.

Master Dormer, knight, Master Shelden, and Stapulton, R., amerced 10*li.* each for not exercising the office of steward for Christmas, to which they were elected.

Master Basketfild, Master Chocke, Master Lucy, Master Mayne, the elder, Master Wornecombe, Master Smyth, T., Master Taverner,

Master Denton, and Master Barrette, amerced 5*li.* each for not exercising the office of marshal, to which they were elected.

Master Fyssher and Master Patent amerced 5*li.* each for not exercising the office of butler.

Stewards for the reader's dinner :—Master Thornelle and Master Fitzherbertte.

PARLIAMENT held on 15 April, 1 Mary, A.D. 1554, before JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARELL, ROBERT KEYLWAY, RICHARD BLAKWALL, JOHN FULLER, and GEORGE WALLE.

Pensions assessed at 2*s.*

Reader for the summer vacation :—Master Harper.

Attendants upon the reader :—Master James Smyth and Master Wode.

Order that the treasurer shall provide books for the singing in the choir jointly with the Middle Inn.

It is agreed that Master Prynce shall have the special admission of Master Symons, reader for Lent last past.

Admission of Thurston Bampford, the eldest butler, as a fellow of the society, on account of his good service to the House. And he shall be at the clerks' commons till he be disposed to go to the masters' commons.

William Newbury admitted as youngest butler by the treasurer, with the assent of the company.

Admission of Richard Prynce, gent., and he is pardoned all offices, Christmases, vacations, mean vacations (*mediis vacationibus*), and all other charges, and may be out of commons, etc., at the instance of William Symons, reader in Lent, 1554.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 June, 1 Mary, A.D. 1554, before JOHN BEAMONTE, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARELL, ROBERT KEYLWAY, THOMAS GAWDY, RICHARD RANDALL, and RICHARD HERPER.

Stewards for Christmas :—Bysshop, T., Tufton, Richard, and Luson, knight.

Marshals for Christmas :—John Chany, Francis Choke, and John Denton.

Butlers :—Basshe, Danyell, and Richard Couper.

Stewards for the reader's dinner :—Master Ryvette and Master Rothwode.

In consideration of the charges that William Rothwode, Matthew Amcotes, and Charles Fitz Williams have and hereafter, during their lives, shall always bear and sustain in sufficiently repairing and amending as well the leads as the tiling of and in the two chambers over the buttery, it is ordered that they shall not be compelled to be above three in the said two chambers, without their assents, as long as one of them is alive.

It is agreed that Thurston Bampforth, in consideration of his faithful services when he was butler, shall have a special admission without charge.

Special admission of Henry Brokhulle, at the request of John Taw, his master, and he paid for the same 40*s.*

Admission of John Frances of Foremark in the County of Derby, gent., and he is pardoned all offices, vacations, etc., at the instance of Master James Smyth, reader for Lent 1550.

Admission of Henry Brokhulle, gent., and he is pardoned all offices, vacations, etc., at the instance of John Taw, esquire, treasurer, for a fine of 40*s.*, paid to the treasurer on 19 August, 1554.

Admission of Nicholas Longford, and he is pardoned all offices, etc., paying to the treasurer 53*s.* 4*d.* on 26 October, 1554.

PARLIAMENT held on 14 October, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1554, before ROBERT KEYLEWAY, RICHARD RANDOLL, JAMES SMYTH, and RICHARD HARPER.

Pensions assessed at 2*s.*

—— Growte pardoned all offices, vacations, and Christmases, and may be out of commons at his pleasure, when he is not living in the Temple.

Admission of Master Hugh Armestrong, and he is pardoned all offices, etc., at the instance of Richard Harpour, reader in the autumn of 1554.

PARLIAMENT held on 2 November (*sic*), 1 and 2 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1554, before SIR JOHN BAKER, knight. SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, JOHN BOSSE, ANTHONY STAPILTON, JOHN PREDIOX, and JOHN FOLLER.

Reader for Lent vacation :—Master James Smyth.

Attendants on the reader :—Master Prediox and Master Wode.

Treasurer :—Master Stapilton.

Auditors of the old treasurer's account :—For the bench, Master Prediox and Master Wode, and for the bar, Master Thornell and Master Manwode.

Auditors of the steward's account :—For the bench, Master Bosse and Master Foller, and for the bar, Master Williams and Master Onslow.

It is agreed and ordered that all such officers as shall be from henceforth chosen for Christmas, shall make certificate to the treasurer on the morrow of St. Martin if they will undertake to execute the same offices or not.

PARLIAMENT held on 4 October, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1554, before JOHN BOSSE, JOHN BEAMOUNT, JOHN CARELL, JOHN TAW, JOHN PREDIEUX, JOHN FULLER, GEORGE WOOD, and GEORGE WALL.

Constable marshal :—Fitz, Brette, and Blunt.

Serjeants of the Queen :—Fitzherbert and Manwode.

Common sergeants :—Bromley and Stradlyng.

Master of the revels :—Cusacke, Peny, Arthure, and Keble.

Master of the game :—Lewes.

The ranger :—Skynner.

Attendant of the tower :—Bedle.

PARLIAMENT held on 18 October, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1554, before JOHN BOSSE, JOHN BEAMOUNT, JOHN TAW, JOHN FULLER, and GEORGE WOODDE.

Marshal :—Many, the elder, Fysher, and Warnecomb.

Order that Thomas Byshop, for his fine of 20 marks, whereof

10*li.* is paid to the treasurer and 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, the residue, to be used towards building a new kitchen in the House, shall be discharged from serving the office of steward next Christmas, and shall be admitted one of the company of the bench.

Special admission of Henry Hennyngham for a fine of 40*s.* And he is pardoned all manner of offices, etc.

PARLIAMENT held on 20 December, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1554, before JOHN BEAMOUNT, ROBERT KEYLWAYE, and GEORGE WODE, esquires.

Master Tufton and Master Luson, who were chosen stewards, made default.

Master Cheyney, Master Chock, and Master Denton, who were appointed marshals, made default.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 January, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1554-5, before SIR JOHN BAKER, knight, SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, JOHN BEAMOUNT, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARELL, JOHN TAWE, RICHARD BLACKEWALL, and JOHN PRIDYAUX, esquires.

Admission of Laurence Hamound into the company of this House, on account of his true and faithful services in the office of steward, and he is discharged from all manner of offices, and other charges (commons, pensions, and money paid for the repair of the church only excepted) and he may be in or out of commons at his pleasure, when not lying in the House.

Order that John Eden, being chief and eldest butler, shall be steward of this House, and John Damport, being second butler, shall be chief and eldest butler, and Nubery to be admitted second butler.

Thomas Bosewell admitted as puisne or third butler.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 February, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1554-5, before JOHN BEAMOUNT, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARELL, RICHARD BLACKWALL, and RICHARD HARPOURE.

Auditors of the account of the steward:—John Predyaux, Richard Harpoure, Richard Onslowe, and Roger Manwood.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 February, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1554-5, before JOHN BEAMOUNT, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARELL, RICHARD BLACKWALL, RICHARD HARPOURE, and GEORGE WALL.

Stewards for the reader's dinner at the Lent vacation:—Master Williams and Master Lawton.

Admission of Thomas Scott, gent., and he is pardoned all offices, vacations, Christmases, and other charges, and may be out of commons at his pleasure (pensions and commons only excepted) for a fine of 40*s.*, paid to Anthony Stapylton, treasurer.

PARLIAMENT held on 5 May, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1555, before SIR JOHN BAKER, knight, JOHN CARELL, JAMES SMYTHE, RICHARD HARPUR, GEORGE WOOD, and THOMAS WYLLYAMS.

Reader for the summer vacation:—George Wood.

Attendants:—Master Predyaux, J., and Master Wall.

Pension assessed at 2*s.*

Whereas Master John Charles, esquire, being elected reader, refused to read at such time as he was appointed, according to the ancient orders and rules of this House, and for his refusal he forfeited to the company of the said House 40*li.*; and whereas he was also charged with not exercising the office of steward at Christmas, he forfeited the sum of 10*li.*, and is also in arrears for his vacations, pensions, and other duties to the sum of 40*s.* and odd money, nevertheless at his humble suit and submission it is ordered that the said John Charles shall, for the sum of 25*li.* (whereof 12*li.* 10*s.* to be now paid to the treasurer, and a bond given for the remainder to be paid before the feast of St. John the Baptist) be one of the company of the bench and discharged from his said reading, fine, and arrears.

"Item, it is ordered at the said parliament that if any of the fellowship or company of this House, after Wednesday next coming, shall wear any beards above three weeks growth, that then every such fellow that shall so wear his beard contrary to this order, for every time of offending to forfeit 20*s.*"

Order that Master Cocke shall be discharged from all his readings, and all other offices and duties (pensions and commons excepted) for the sum of 20*li.*

"Memorandum,[1] whereas Robert Keylwey, esquire, should have been appointed and elected to have been reader of or in this House in the time of the late King Edward the sixth, was thereof discharged by the bench of this House at the request of the late Duke of Somerset by his letters, in consideration that it was requested by the company of the Middle Temple—for that Strand Inn was taken down by the said late Duke and made parcel of his house, whereby they of the Middle Temple lost one of their Houses of Chancery, whereof they were readers, and that the company of this House had the readings of three Houses of Chancery, and the said Middle Temple but one—that the said company of the Middle Temple should have the reading of one of the said three Houses, which by the means of the said Robert Keylwey was holpen, whereby this none (*sic*), in consideration whereof it was then ordered by the governors, treasurer, and bench of this House and by authority of the parliament in the said House that the said Robert Keylwey shall be from henceforth discharged of his said readings."

PARLIAMENT held on 12 May, [A.D. 1555], before SIR JOHN BAKER, knight, SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight and master of the rolls, SIR THOMAS WHYTE, SIR RICHARD SACKEVILLE, SIR THOMAS SAUNDER, knights, ROBERT CHIDLEY, JOHN BEAMOUNT, JOHN CARELL, ROBERT KEYLWEY, RICHARD RANDALL, JAMES SMYTHE, THOMAS GAWDYE, and others.

Order that Sir Thomas Saunder for the sum of 20*li.*, whereof he has paid to the treasurer 20 marks, and 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to be paid

[1] In the margin is "Ill neghbourehood," and at the end is "vide postea xvj Nov. 3 Elizabeth."

next term, shall be pardoned his fine for not exercising the office of reader at the time appointed, and all other fines before this forfeited.

Memorandum, that Anthony Langdall has a special admission.

Admission of Anthony Langdaill, gent., of Sancton in the County of York, and he is pardoned all offices, etc., for the sum of 3*li.*

"It is ordered at the said parliament that every fellow of this House that warned themselves out of commons for the wearing of beards against the order therein taken by the bench, except Master Eltoftes, Master Cosyn, Master Slegg, Master Leson Prys, and Bamforthe shall pay every of them 3*s.* 4*d.* immediately after the entry into commons, and that every of the said fellows that were still in commons and absented themselves from dinners and suppers and learnings in the House at the same time, and for the same cause, shall forfeit and lose 20*d.* a piece, except the said five persons; and it is further ordered that the said Master Eltoftes, Master Cosyn, Master Prys, L., Master Slagg, and Master Bamforthe, every of them shall forfeit and lose for their disobedience to the said order forty shillings a piece. Nevertheless it is further ordered that upon their humble suit and submission to the bench, the bench may mitigate the said fines, etc."

PARLIAMENT held on 16 June, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1555, before JOHN CARELL, RICHARD RANDALL, JAMES SMYTHE, THOMAS GAWDY, RICHARD HARPUR, GEORGE WOOD, and THOMAS WYLLYAMS.

The company is informed that Master John Predyeux and Master George Wood have received the King and Queen's writs to take upon them the degree of serjeants at law in Michaelmas term next.

Master Allott and Master George Bromeley elected stewards for the reader's dinner for the autumn vacation.

PARLIAMENT held on 1 July, [A.D. 1555], before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight and master of the rolls, SIR THOMAS WHYTE, knight, SIR THOMAS SAUNDER, knight, JOHN BEAMOUNT, JOHN CARELL, JOHN TAWE, ROBERT KEYLWEY, RICHARD RANDALL, and others,

Master Predyeux[1] elected to read at this next autumn vacation "for his form," for he is appointed "to proceed serjeant" next Michaelmas term. And Master George Wood is discharged for this time of the degree of serjeant at law.

Attendants:—Master Fuller and Master Wall.

Officers for Christmas:—

Stewards:—Wigston, the elder, knight, Ashefyeld, H., and Appowell.

Marshals:—Mallatt, Meres, Fox, and Pigot, F.

Butlers:—Morgan, W., Broxholme, and Payne, R.

Order that the steward shall pay the beer brewer and baker such debts as he owes them before the last day of this term and shall pay all other the victuallers and others who serve the House and to whom he is indebted before the first day of next vacation, upon pain of losing his office.

Order that forasmuch as the company has increased, and doth daily increase more and more, and one "turnebroche"[2] cannot serve, that from henceforth there be two, and the new "turnbroche" to have 4*s*. as the other has, according to the ancient allowance of the House.

Memorandum, that I, Anthony Stapilton, now treasurer, have given to Master John Manners the special admission which was granted me in consideration of my reading in Lent, 1553.

Admission of John Maners, gent., of Haddon in the County of Derby, and he is pardoned all offices, etc., at the instance of Anthony Stapilton.

Admission of Thomas Evett, gent., and he is pardoned all offices, etc., at the instance of James Smythe, reader in Lent, 1555.

Admission of Thomas Sacvile, gent., and he is pardoned all offices, etc.

[1] In the margin is "Reader for his forme."

[2] A turnspit, see Turn-broach in Halliwell Phillips' "Dict. of Arch. Words."

Special admission of Francis Asheby for the sum of 3*li.*, paid to the treasurer. And he is pardoned all offices.

Jerome Balborowe pardoned all offices, vacations, Christmases, and may be out of commons at his pleasure, when not lying in the House of the Temple, for the sum of 40*s.*

Young Master Whyddon, being son and heir of Master Justice Whyddon, is discharged for the sum of 40*s.* from all manner of duties of the House and of the fellowship of the said House for ever.

"Memorandum, that I, Anthony Stapylton, now treasurer, have delivered two pair of silver censers, belonging to the church, to Doctor Armested, master of the Temple, to keep safely to the use of the church; and this was by the assent and agreement of the bench, as appeareth by a bill of his hand, bearing date the last day of November, anno 1555." *Entry crossed out.*

PARLIAMENT held on 26 October, 2 and 3 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1555, before JOHN CARELL, JAMES SMYTHE, RICHARD HARPUR, and others.

Pension assessed at 4*s.*, because Master John Predyaux, fellow of this House, is elected to be serjeant at the law, and to take upon him that state on the quindene of Saint Michael next.

"Memorandum, that the night before the said quindene of St. Michael, the company of the House were assembled together in the hall, as well those that were out of commons being in the town as those that were in commons lately before, and the said Master Predyaux came into the hall between the hours of six and seven of the clock at afternoon, and there standing above the hearth he made a proposition, etc. This done, Master Carell, being the ancient bencher there, gave him thanks for his exhortation in the name of the company, etc. After this the treasurer delivered unto Master Predyaux 10*li.* in the name of the company. The next day all the justices came into the said hall and there all the new serjeants came before them. And after the ancient accustomed solemnity used, etc.,

the justices delivered to every of the seven new serjeants their coifs, etc."

"Also the said serjeants kept their feast in this House of the Inner Temple, etc., the xv of St. Michael aforesaid, etc."

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 2 and 3 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1555, before SIR JOHN BAKER, knight, SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight and master of the rolls, JOHN BEAMOUNT, JOHN CARRELL, JOHN TAWE, RICHARD RANDALL, GUY WADE, RICHARD HARPUR, GEORGE WOOD, and others.

Reader for the next Lent vacation :—Master George Wood.

Attendants :—Master Fuller and Master Wall.

Governors :—Master Baker, knight, Master Hare, knight and master of the rolls, Master Chidley, and Master Stapilton.

It is granted by authority of parliament that an aid roll be made and levied upon the company, viz. :—of every knight and double reader, 10*s.*; of every single reader and other bencher, 6*s.* 8*d.*; of every outer barrister and other "experiencor" and attorneys, 5*s.*; and every of the residue of the said company, 3*s.* 4*d.*, for that the charges of the House have been great this year for the building of a new kitchen and other great charges.

Memorandum, of the payment by Anthony Stapilton, treasurer, of the sum of 39*li.* 10*s.* 0½*d.*, to the baker and brewer, in consideration of the apparels of the House for the year past, which amount appears on the steward's account.

Auditors of the treasurer :—Master Wade, Master Williams, Master Thornhyll, and Master Manwood.

Auditors of the steward :—Master Harpur, Master Wall, Master Onslow, R., and Master Bromley, T.

Memorandum of the special admission of Master Danet for the sum of 4 marks, at the instance of Master Carell.

Admission of John Danett, and he is pardoned all offices, etc.

Admission of Thomas Harryson and David Sympson, and they are pardoned all offices, etc., for 5 marks each.

"Memorandum, that I, Anthony Stapylton, now treasurer of the Inner Temple, have delivered by the commandment of the bench

two pair of silver censers to the master of the Temple, to keep to the use of the church, as appeareth by his bill made to me the last day of November, anno 1555."

PARLIAMENT held on 20 November [A.D. 1555], before JOHN BEAMOUNT, JOHN CARYLL, JOHN BOSSE, THOMAS GAWDYE, RICHARD HARPUR, and others.

"Memorandum, it is ordered at this present parliament that no grand Christmas shall be kept in this House for this year, for that the House hath been at great charge in building of a new kitchen and other charges besides, so, by reason of those charges to the company, it was thought good not to charge them therewith any further."

It was agreed that the company should have allowance of the House towards their charges by reason of keeping commons of themselves, as has been used in time past.

Admission of Thomas Leighe, and he is pardoned all offices, vacations, Christmases, and all other charges, and may be out of commons at his pleasure, for 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Admission of William Newbery, late second butler, upon his humble suit, and he is discharged from all offices, vacations, and Christmases, and may be out of commons at his pleasure, so long as he does not lie in the House, without paying anything therefor.

Ralph Leeke is discharged from the office of one of the masters of the revels for the sum of 40*s.*, paid to the treasurer, as appeareth in the docquet of vacations, where he was amerced 5*li.* for his default in not exercising that office.

John Mayne discharged from all offices, fines, amercements, and all other duties before due, and may be out of commons at his pleasure, so long as he does not lie in the House of the Temple, for 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

PARLIAMENT held on 16 January, 2 and 3 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1555-6, before JOHN BEAMOUNT, JOHN CARYLL, RICHARD HARPUR, GEORGE WOOD, and others.

Special admission of Master Byddell, the younger, and he is discharged from all offices, vacations, etc., for the sum of 5 marks,

and it was agreed that Master Gell should have 40*s.* thereof towards the new repairing of his chamber, hurt by building the kitchen.

"At this parliament it is ordered that forasmuch as bread is very small, by reason thereof the expenses is double to that it hath been in time past; also drink being of great price over that it hath been, so that by reason of the said dearth the House runneth at this present weekly in great apparels, and if provision and order should not be taken for remedy thereof, the House cannot be maintained; therefore it is ordered at this parliament that the commons shall be weekly from henceforth, of the masters' commons, 3*s.* 4*d.*, and at the clerks' commons, 2*s.* 10*d.*, and the yeomen (*yemen*), 20*d.* in the term; and forth of the term, the masters' commons to be 3*s.*, and the clerks' commons, 2*s.* 6*d.*, the yeomen, 18*d.* And this order to continue till further order be taken."

The stewards chosen for the last summer vacation to be appointed for Lent vacation, because no reader's dinner was kept last summer and therefore they did not exercise their stewardships.

Master James Skinner discharged from all duties now due for 33*s.* 4*d.*

Stewards for Lent vacation:—Master Allott and Master George Bromley.

Admission of John Meyryng, and he is pardoned all offices, etc., for the sum of 53*s.* 4*d.*

Memorandum of a special admission to Master Aston.

Admission of John Aston, and he is pardoned all offices, etc., for the sum of 5 marks.

Memorandum, that Jerome Balborowe be discharged from all offices, etc. for the sum of 40*s.* *Entry crossed out.*

Admission of William Shelley, gent., and he is pardoned all offices, except the offices of steward and marshal, vacations, etc., for the sum of 3*li.*

Admission of Henry Darcy, and he is pardoned all offices, except the office of steward, for the sum of 5 marks.

Memorandum, that young Master Whyddon, being son and heir to Master Serjeant Whyddon, is discharged for the sum of 40*s.* of all duties due to the House, as well vacations as commons and pensions, and by assent of the whole bench is out of pension and so discharged from all duties of the said House for ever. *Entry crossed out.*

Admission of William Purefey, and he is pardoned all offices, etc., at the instance of George Wood, reader for Lent.

Admission of Ralph Salysbury, and he is pardoned all offices, etc., for the sum of 5 marks.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 May, 2 and 3 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1556, before JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARYLL, JOHN TAWE, ROBERT KEYLWEY, RICHARD RANDALL, THOMAS GAWDY, RICHARD HARPUR, GEORGE WOOD, and others.

Pensions assessed at *2s.*

Order that Master Wall, being elected reader for the summer vacation, "shall provide for the same and supply the room without any delay."

Order that Master Estoft, Master Allott, Master Pole, Master William Fitzherbert, and Master Reyvett shall be called to the bench, saving to every one his ancienty.

Admission of George Bodleighe, and he is pardoned all offices, vacations, feasts of Christmas, etc., for the sum of 5 marks.

Forasmuch as John Bosse, Ralph Leeke, and Thomas Bearde have rebuilt the roof of their chamber next adjoining to the chamber where Barnard Randolph lies, and have spent great costs about the repair of the same, they shall have the said chamber to themselves during their lives.

Attendants on Master Wall, reader in autumn :—Master Fuller and Master Wyllyams.

Forasmuch as Master Seybourne, the elder, was appointed reader for the summer vacation next and has refused, it is ordered that he shall be dismissed forth of the company of this House.

PARLIAMENT held on 14 June, 2 and 3 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1556, before SIR RICHARD SACVILE, knight, SIR THOMAS SAUNDER, knight, JOHN CARELL, RICHARD RANDALL, GUY WADE, RICHARD HARPUR, GEORGE WOOD, and others.

Stewards for the reader's dinner in the autumn vacation :—Master Randolphe, B., and Master Manwood.

Officers chosen for Christmas next :—

Stewards :—Wigston, the elder, Leveson, R., and Harryngton, the elder.

Marshals :—Meverell, Stafford, and Pygott, R.

Butlers :—Payne, R., Evers, and Crymes.

Master Tufton re-admitted to the benchers' commons, having paid the 10*li.* which he forfeited for not exercising the office of steward at Christmas, 1553.

Order that Master Wade and Master Wall shall be admitted into Master Beamountz chamber in consideration that they shall make " a wett larder," at their own costs under the kitchen.

PARLIAMENT held on 18 October, 3 and 4 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1556, before JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARYLL, THOMAS GAWDY, RICHARD HARPUR, GEORGE WOOD, and others.

Pensions assessed at 2*s.*

The ancient butler to be allowed at the account, every week, 2½*d.* from every fellow being in commons, till such time as cheese is cheaper.

Admission of John Skevyngton, and he is discharged from all offices, etc., for 5 marks.

PARLIAMENT held on 1 November, namely, the day of the commemoration of All Souls (*sic*), [A.D. 1556], before ROBERT CHIDLEY, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARYLL, JOHN TAWE, WILLIAM SYMONDES, THOMAS GAWDY, RICHARD HARPUR, GEORGE WOOD, and others.

Governors :—Master Baker, Master Hare, and Master Chydley.

" Memorandum, where of late misdemeanours and disobediences have been committed by the company of this House under the bench, for divers considerations being called by the benchers of this company for the time being in the last reading vacation and there obtemptuously using themselves to the said benchers, whereof were eight principal doers. For which wilful demeanour and disobedience to the said benchers, they were committed to the Fleet, and were

worthily expelled the fellowship of this House. Since which time upon the humble suit and submissions of four of the said eight, that is to say, Richard Onslowe, Thomas Coppley, Thomas Lucas, and Thomas Norton, made unto the benchers of the said House, it is ordered and agreed by authority of this parliament that they shall be remitted into the fellowship of the House and into commons again."

Reader for Lent vacation :—Master Fuller.

Attendants on the reader : — Master Gawdy and Master Wyllyams.

Admission of Thomas Bossewell, late second butler, at his humble suit; and he is discharged from all offices, vacations, Christmases, and may be out of commons at his pleasure (not lying in the House) freely and absolutely, without paying anything therefor.

Memorandum, that forasmuch as Master Seybourne was elected reader last summer vacation, and having knowledge thereof, made default, it is ordered that he shall be amerced 40*li.*

Auditors for the steward :—Master Gawdy, Master Pole, Master Gyrlyngton, R., and Master Bromeley, G.

Auditors for the treasurer :—Master Randall, Master Bysshoppe, Master Randolphe, B., and Master Thurston.

PARLIAMENT held on 15 November, 3 and 4 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1556, before SIR JOHN BAKER, knight, SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight and master of the rolls, SIR THOMAS WHYTE, knight, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARYLL, WILLIAM SYMONDS, RICHARD HARPUR, GEORGE WOOD, and others.

Treasurer :—Sir Thomas Saunder.

"Forasmuch as the outer bar of late, not having any authority, have taken upon them to call such as they would to the outer bar, contrary to the old and ancient order of this House, whereby the outer bar hath been much decayed of late time, therefore to the intent that such hereafter may be utter barristers as the bench in time to come may be better furnished, it is ordered and decreed by the authority of this parliament that none shall come to the outer bar or be hereafter utter barristers in this company but such as shall be

called by the bench only, and that from henceforth the bench every year, once or twice at their pleasure, shall call to the outer bar such and so many as they shall think meet and convenient, and that all those which shall hereafter be thus called shall come before the bench at the board's end or elsewhere at the appointment of the bench, there to understand of the ancient bencher there present the duty of an utter barrister, etc."

Special admission of Edward Basshe, and he is discharged from all offices (the office of butler at Christmas excepted) and from vacations and may be out of commons at his pleasure (not lying in the House).

Whereas[1] misdemeanours were committed by certain of the company of this House under the bench, who upon being called before the benchers in the last reading vacation behaved contemptuously to the said benchers, eight whereof were principal doers. For which wilful demeanour they were committed to the Fleet and expelled the fellowship of this House. Since which time upon the humble suit and submission made by Master Leson Prys, Master Wyclyffe, Master Carpenter, and Master Byddell, the elder, it is agreed that they shall be re-admitted into the fellowship and into commons again, without paying any fine.

Whereas Master Bernerd Randolph, utter barrister, chosen one of the stewards of the reader's dinner for the last vacation, where there was disbursed in the whole above 30*li.* in his absence, whereby he was much grieved to be so overcharged for his part, and as the same Master Randolphe has submitted himself to the order of the bench, it is ordered that he shall be clearly acquitted and discharged from henceforth from all offices and charges which he might be charged with as an utter barrister.

[1] This entry is in the same wording as the similar entry on p. 186.

PARLIAMENT held on the vigil of St. Thomas the Apostle, 3 and 4 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1556, before RICHARD HARPER, WILLIAM POLE, and others.

At this parliament Wygston, the elder, Leveson, R., and Harryngton, the elder, were chosen stewards for Christmas, and did not appear to take upon them the said office.

Meverell, Stafford, and Pygott, R., being chosen marshals, also made default.

Payn, R., Evers, and Crymes, chosen butlers, likewise made default.

PARLIAMENT held on 31 January, 3 and 4 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1556-7, before JOHN BOSSE, JOHN TAWE, THOMAS GAWDY, RICHARD HARPAR, GEORGE WOODE, and others.

"At this parliament it is ordered that no companion or fellow of this company under the bar, have or keep any lackey or boy to resort or come into this House, upon pain to forfeit and lose his chamber and to be out of commons, and to forefeit for every offence so committed 10*s.* to the use of the House."

Stewards for the reader's dinner in Lent next :—Master Tremayn and Master Thornhyll.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 February, 3 and 4 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1556-7, before JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARYLL, THOMAS GAWDY, RICHARD HARPOUR, and others.

Master Tremayn amerced 10*li.* because, being elected one of the stewards of the reader's dinner in Lent next, and having knowledge thereof, refused to supply the same himself or by his sufficient deputy.

Stewards for the reader's dinner in Lent :—Master Thornhyll and Master Gyrlyngton, R., and in default Tremayn.

Order that Master William Fitzherbert shall be spared from coming to the bench for a whole year after this parliament, so that he come and take his place, as he was called on 10 May, 1556.

Order that Master Wygston, the elder, Master Leveson, R., and Master Harryngton, the elder, be each amerced 10*li.* for not exercising the office of steward for Christmas.

Master Meverell, Master Stafford, and Master Pygott, R., being chosen marshals, made default, and are each amerced 5*li.*

Master Payn, R., Master Evers, and Crymes, being chosen butlers, made default, and are each amerced 5*li.*

Governors :—Master Baker, Master Hare, Master Whyte, and Master Saunder, knights.

PARLIAMENT held on 9 May, 3 and 4 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1557, before NICHOLAS HARE, master of the rolls, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARRILL, ROBERT KEYLWEY, THOMAS GAWDY, GEORGE WOODE, WILLIAM POLE, and others.

Pension assessed at 2*s.*

Reader for the summer vacation :—Master William Pole.

Order that Sir Thomas Saunder, treasurer, shall during his treasurership have power to compound with debtors of the House, and his order and agreement shall be sufficient discharge against this House.

Admission of —— Tylney, gent., and he is pardoned all offices (except the offices of steward, butler, or constable-marshal for Christmas, or any of the same offices, at the will of the governors and other elders), vacations, Christmases, and all other charges, and may be out of commons at his will, not lying in the Temple (except all commons and pensions), for a fine of 5 marks, paid to the treasurer.

PARLIAMENT held on 23 May, 3 and 4 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1557, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, master of the rolls, —— WARD, JOHN BOSSE, ROBERT KEYLWEY, JAMES SMYTHE, THOMAS GAWDY, GEORGE WOOD, and others.

"At this parliament it is ordered that from henceforth there shall be no attorneys, nor other known to be a common solicitor of matters, admitted into this House without the assent and agreement of parliament."

"It is further ordered that every fellow and companion of this House shall from henceforth pay every term to the Black Friars of ——— a penny, according to the ancient custom heretofore therein used, so that the said friars come and demand the same of every of the said companion."

The fine of 10*li.* amerced upon Master Tremayn for not serving the office of steward of the reader's dinner, released, upon his humble suit and because he paid to Master Gyrlyngton, R., who exercised the office in his default, all such charges as he was at for the said dinner. And Master Gyrlyngton to keep his turn when it comes to him.

"Item, it is further ordered that every man called or to be called to the bench shall keep four learning vacations next after his calling and coming to the bench, upon pain of forfeiture for every vacation, 5*li.*"

PARLIAMENT held on 20 June, 3 and 4 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1557, before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, master of the rolls, ROBERT KEYLWEY, GEORGE WOODE, WILLIAM POLE, and others.

"At this parliament it is ordered that all fellows of this House being in commons, shall from time to time come to the church and hear divine service, as mass, matins, evensong, etc., as heretofore hath been used."

"It is further ordered that every fellow of this House being in commons or lying in the House, shall from time to time observe and keep 18 offering days in the year, according to the ancient laudable custom of this House."

"Item,[1] it is further ordered that all such as have been called to the bench to read in this House within these four years last past, and all such as shall be hereafter called to the bench to read, and have or shall refuse to come to the bench and make fine for the discharge of reading, shall not be of the company of the bench but remitted to the bar again."

Humphrey Smythe discharged from all vacations, Christmas offices, and other charges, and may be out of commons at his pleasure, not lying in the House (commons and pensions only excepted) for

[1] Marginal note:—"Benchers to be disbenched."

5 marks, whereof 26*s.* 8*d.* is returned to him at the request of Edward Gryffen, esquire, attorney general.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 June, 3 and 4 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1557, before SIR JOHN BAKER, knight, NICHOLAS HARE, master of the rolls, SIR THOMAS WHYTE, knight, JOHN CARRYLL, ROBERT KEYLWEY, ANTHONY STAPYLTON, RICHARD RANDALL, THOMAS GAWDY, RICHARD HARPAR, GEORGE WOOD, and others.

"Imprimis, that none of the company, except knights or benchers, from the last day of September next coming wear in their doublets or hose any light colours, except scarlet or crimson, or wear any upper velvet cap, or any scarf or wings[1] on their gowns, sleeves, white jerkins, buskins or velvet shoes, double ruffs on their shirts, feathers or ribbons in their caps, upon pain to forfeit for the first default 3*s.* 4*d.*, the second, expulsion without redemption."

"Item, that none attorney shall be admitted into any of the Houses, and that in all admissions this condition shall be employed, that if he practise attorneyship that then *ipso facto* to be dismissed and to have liberty to repair to the Inn of Chancery from whence he came or to any other if he were of none before."

"Item, that none of the companies of the said Houses shall wear their study gowns out of the limits or precincts of their Houses any further than to Fleet Bridge or Holborn Bridge or to Savoy, upon the like pain as is before."

"Item, that none of the said company, other than knights, whilst that they be in commons, shall wear Spanish cloak, sword and buckler, or rapier, or gowns and hats, or gowns girded with a dagger on the back, upon the like pain."

"Item, that order be taken by the said Houses of Court that the moot cases in every of their said Houses of Chancery for the vacation time, do not contain above two points argumentable, and that the same cases be brought in in pleading, and that the puisne of the bench to recite the whole pleading according to the ancient order and custom, and that none of the bench shall argue above two points, and if he do that, then the reader shall show him that he breaketh the common order, and so reform it, etc."

[1] Wings, the projections on the shoulders of a doublet.

"Item, that every reader of Chancery give order to their Houses of Chancery that the said orders for apparel, and weapons, and study gowns be observed by their companies in manner and form before rehearsed."

"Item, that none under the degree of a knight or bencher being in commons, wear any beard above 3 weeks growing upon pain of 40*s.*, and so double for every week, after monition, that he shall be so bearded in commons."

"Item, that no reader of any House of Court shall have at his dinner above three guests, and that the stewards of the same dinner to have, either of them, but one guest, and that either of the said stewards exceed not in the charges of the said dinner the sum of 40*s.*"

"Item, that either of the stewards of the reader's drinking, exceed not in the charges of the same drinking the sum of 13*s.* 4*d.* a piece."

"Item, that no reader shall exceed in daily fare at his own mess or otherwise in the House, etc."

Whereas one —— Sesar has erected a wall and divers windows without licence, to the great nuisance of this company, it is ordered that the same nuisance be viewed by two benchers of this company, and peremptory warning be given to the said Sesar to abate the said wall and windows, "so levied to our nuisance," before the feast of St. Michael next.

PARLIAMENT held on 4 July [A.D. 1557], before SIR NICHOLAS HARE, knight, master of the Rolls, SIR THOMAS WHYTE, knight, ROBERT CHYDLEY, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARYLL, JOHN COCKES, ROBERT KEYLWEY, RICHARD RANDALL, THOMAS GAWDY, RICHARD HARPAR, GEORGE WOOD, and others.

Attendants on the reader:—Master Gawdy and Master Reyvett.

Stewards of the reader's dinner:—Master Onslowe and Master Gyrlyngton, R.

"It is ordered at this parliament that every knight, being fellow of this House, shall pay every term towards the singing men's wages 20*d.*; every bencher, 12*d.* a term; and every fellow under the bench, 4*d.* every term at the least. And this order to continue for one whole year and no longer."

"It is further ordered that none shall be admitted hereafter into this company without the certificate of the principal and two ancients of the Inn of Chancery from whence he cometh, of his honesty and that he is a good learner and a mooter, and that he hath continued in the same Inn of Chancery one year and a half at the least, and every such person upon his admittance into this House shall pay to the hands of the treasurer or his deputy, for the time being, the sum of forty shillings to the use of this company. And this order to endure for one whole year after the day of this parliament and no longer."

Richard Seybourne, esquire, discharged of all readings and fines for his readings for the sum of 40*li.* paid to the treasurer.

"Item, it is further ordered that no fellow of this House shall take any repast without giving warning to the butler thereof, upon pain for every repast so taken to pay and to be cast in whole commons one week, for every such offence."

PARLIAMENT held on 13 October, 4 and 5 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1557, before JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARYLL, THOMAS WYLLIAMS, and others.

Pensions assessed at 2*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on the morrow of All Souls, 4 and 5 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1557, before ROBERT CHYDLEY, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARYLL, RICHARD RANDALL, THOMAS GAWDY, THOMAS WYLLIAMS, MASTER REYVETT, and others.

Reader for Lent vacation next:—Master Wylliams.

Attendants:—Master Gawdy and Master Reyvett.

Auditors for the steward:—Master Randall, Master Thornhyll, Master Northley, and Master Eltoftes.

Auditors for the treasurer:—Master Gawdy, Master Reyvett, Master Onslowe, and Master Bromley, T.

Officers for Christmas next:—

Stewards:—Wygeston, the elder, Leveson, R., and Haryngton, the elder.

Marshal:—Meverell, Stafford, and Pygott, R.

Butler:—Payne, R., Evers, and Crymes.

PARLIAMENT held on 20 November, 4 and 5 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1557, before JOHN CARYLL, RICHARD RANDALL, THOMAS GAWDY, GEORGE WOODE, and others.

Order for the treasurer to commune with Master Hall concerning his special admission; and the treasurer's order thereupon to be good and effectual.

Order that Master Northleighe and Master Eltoft, of the bar, and Master Manser, with the under treasurer, shall examine the steward's book and the buttery book of account for the further trial of the steward's manifest deceit to the House, and to make relation thereof to the treasurer and the rest of the bench.

Forasmuch as the steward's manifest and apparent deceit doth (upon deliberate examination of his book and the buttery book of the account for the week) appear, "not only in rasing[1] of the book and adding and diminishing the sums, making the sum of emendels 48*s.*, where it should be 58*s.*, and likewise the apparels, where it should be 20*s.*, making the same 30*s.*, to the great loss of the House," which deceits he openly confessed; and also because he has been a very unprofitable servant, it is ordered that the said steward be removed from his office before Candlemas.

Order that the under treasurer have for a reward for his pains taken this year, 40*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on 28 November, 4 and 5 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1557, before JOHN CARYLL, ANTHONY STAPYLTON, RICHARD RANDALL, THOMAS GAWDY, THOMAS WYLLYAMS, WILLIAM POLE, and others.

Order that Master George Hawe, after paying all his arrears for commons, shall have liberty to lie in his chamber and not to be put in commons against his will, as also all other liberties contained in his former special admission.

Master Pygott pardoned all duties and offices, except the office

[1] That is, erasing.

of marshal, which he has agreed to undertake at the next "solemn Christmas" to be kept.

Order that the door which the fellows of the Middle Inn have made in "the roundell" shall be stopped up from them, and that none of them from henceforth have any door into the said "roundell."

Order that Master Brace, after paying all his arrears of commons and other duties, may from henceforth lie in his chamber in this House at his pleasure, and not to be put in commons for the same against his will, and also to have all liberties contained in his former special admission, for which he will pay 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and further 20*s.* yearly during his life and while occupying his chamber, for which sum he will "release all the money due to him for all the writs that Master Sawnder, now treasurer, did sue out of his office," which amounts to the sum of 10*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, after the rate of 2*s.* a writ.

PARLIAMENT held on the vigil of St. Thomas the Apostle, viz.:—the 20 December, 4 and 5 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1557, before ROBERT CHYDLEY, ANTHONY STAPYLTON, THOMAS WYLLYAMS, WILLIAM POLE, and others.

Wygeston, the elder, Leveson, R., and Haryngton, the elder, stewards for Christmas, were called and did not appear.

Meverell, Stafford, and Pygott, R., marshals, were called and did not appear.

Payne, R., Evers, and Crymes, butlers, were called and did not appear.

PARLIAMENT held on 6 February, 4 and 5 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1557-8, before JOHN BOSSE, ANTHONY STAPYLTON, RICHARD RANDALL, THOMAS GAWDY, THOMAS WYLLYAMS, HUGH THORNHYLL, and others.

Attendants on the reader:—Master Harpar and Master Thornhyll.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Master Whythed and Master Northleighe.

"Where afore this time it was ordered for divers considerations

that none should be admitted into the company of the House, except he paid at his entry 40*s.* to the use of the company, it is at this parliament ordered upon reasonable causes moved, and advisedly then considered, that the said order shall only extend to such persons as come from such Houses of Chancery as this House doth not read unto, and that such persons as sue to be admitted into this company, and be fellows of Clement's Inn, Clifford's Inn, or Lion's Inn shall be received to their general admission gratis, notwithstanding the said order."

Order that in consideration of the price of corn being so much reduced, the commons shall be abated from henceforth every week 4*d.* for every fellow of both the masters' and clerks' commons.

Whereas Sir Thomas Andrewez, knight, was sued by the treasurer for his debts due to the House, and paid 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and for the rest submitted himself to the order of the bench, it is ordered that he shall pay the sum of 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and be released from the rest.

PARLIAMENT held on 1 May, 4 and 5 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1558, before JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARYLL, ANTHONY STAPYLTON, RICHARD HARPUR, JAMES REYVETT, and others.

The pension roll is assessed at 2*s.*

Reader for the summer vacation next:—Master Reyvett.

Attendants on the reader:—Master Gawdy and Master Allat, in default, Master Thornhyll.

Whereas one Master Gryffythe *alias* Evers, one of this company, pretends to be admitted into the chamber and study under Master Richard Onslowz' chambers in "Bradschawez Rents" by Master Bradschawe, and forasmuch as his admittance does not appear in any record or book of the House and he has discontinued four years or more, and also if his admittance had been effectual he has been fully recompensed by both Master Leison Prise and Master Northleighes, wherefore it is ordered that whereas Sir Thomas Sawnder, knight, now treasurer, has admitted Thurston Bampforthe, one of the fellowship of this House to the same chamber and study, the same admittance shall stand and be firm until the said Gryffythe can show better title.

PARLIAMENT held on 26 June, 4 and 5 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1558, before ROBERT CHYDLEY, JOHN BOSSE, JOHN CARYLL, ANTHONY STAPYLTON, RICHARD RANDALL, RICHARD BLACKWALL, ROBERT KEYLWEY, THOMAS GAWDY, RICHARD HARPOURE, GEORGE WALLE, and others.

Stewards for the reader's dinner :—Master Gell and Master Wythe.

Surveyor of the works of the church :—Master Bromley, G.

Order that Master Boyer, now fellow of this House, shall be out of the House and out of pension.

Special admission of —— Whyte, son of Sir Thomas Whyte, knight, master of the Requests, and he is discharged from all offices, etc., for 40*s*.

"It is further ordered that from henceforth no utter barrister shall be chosen steward of any bonfire."

PARLIAMENT held on 16 October, 5 and 6 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1558, before ROBERT CHYDLEY, ANTHONY STAPYLTON, ROBERT KEYLWEY, RICHARD HARPURE, and others.

Order for Master Langton to be received into the House and commons again upon his paying such fine as it shall please the bench to set upon him for his offence.

Order that Master Whyddon be received into the House again and have his ancienty.

Order that the assessing of the pension shall be respited till the return of the sergeants' writs be certainly known.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 5 and 6 Philip and Mary, A.D. 1558, before ROBERT CHYDLEY, ANTHONY STAPYLTON, ROBERT KEYLWEY, RICHARD HARPAR, JAMES REYVETT, and others.

Treasurer :—Master Keylwey.

Pensions assessed at 2*s*.

Reader for Lent next :—Master Thomas Gawdy.

Attendants :—Master Wall and Master Thurston.

Auditors for the steward :—Master Keylwey, Master Wall, Master Whithed, and Master Wythe.

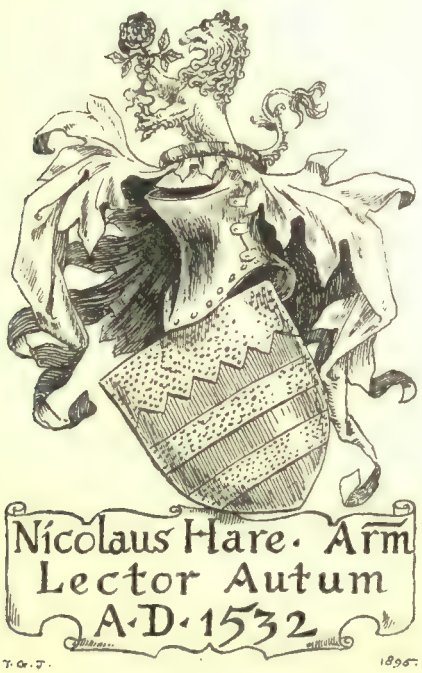
Auditors for the treasurer :—Master Harpar, Master Wall, Master Whythed, and Master Gawdy.

Officers for Christmas :—

Stewards :—Ascue, knight, Sneyd, knight, and Fermour, J., knight.

Marshals :—Master Warnecombe, Master Appowell, and Master Frances Chocke.

Butlers :—Master Crymes, Master Dutton, and Master Payne, R.



ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

Queen Elizabeth.

Parliament held on 21 November, 1 Elizabeth, A.D. 1558, before John Carell, Anthony Stapylton, Richard Harpur, William Pole, James Reyvett, and others.

SPECIAL admission of —— Bolney, and he is discharged from henceforth from all offices, Christmases, vacations, and all other charges, and may be out of commons at his pleasure, when not lying in the Inn (commons and pensions only excepted), at the special instance of Master Wall, reader for the summer vacation, 1556.

Special admission of Robert Freyke, and he is discharged from henceforth from all offices, etc., at the special request of Master William Poole, reader for the summer vacation, 1557.

Special admission of Thomas Darcy, the younger, as above, at the request of Master Reyvett, reader for the summer vacation, 1558.

Parliament held on 28 January, 1 Elizabeth, A.D. 1558-9, before John Caryll, Anthony Stapylton, William Symons, John Foller, Richard Harpur, George Wall, Thomas Wylliams, James Reyvett, and others.

Reader for Lent next: Master Wall.

Forasmuch as Master Wall received from the Queen a writ to be

a serjeant at law about the 13th of the present month, which is thought by the company to be very short warning to prepare a reading, it is therefore ordered that the said Master Walle shall read at the least three readings in Lent vacation, and not to be compelled to read any more readings but at his pleasure.

Attendants on the reader:—Master Gawdy, the elder, and Master Allott.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Master Onslowe, R., and Master Gawdy, F.

Governors:—Sir Richard Sackvyle, knight, Master Chydley, John Caryll, and Robert Keylwey.

PARLIAMENT held on 12 February, 1 Elizabeth, A.D. 1558-9, before ANTHONY STAPYLTON, WILLIAM SYMONS, GEORGE WALLE, and others.

Order that the company of this House that kept commons last Christmas shall have for their allowance 4*li.*

PARLIAMENT held on 23 April, 1 Elizabeth, A.D. 1559, before JOHN CARYLL, ANTHONY STAPYLTON, RICHARD BLACKWALL, THOMAS GAWDY, JAMES REYVETT, and others.

Pensions assessed at 4*s.*

Reader for the summer vacation:—Master Allott.

Attendants on the Reader:—Master Gawdy, T., and Master Thurston.

Order that Master Rothewod, Master George Bromeley, and Master Richard Onslow shall from henceforth be benchers and accompany the society of the benchers and ancients.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 May, 1 Elizabeth, A.D. 1559, before JOHN CARELL, ANTHONY STAPYLTON, and others.

"Memorandum, that it is enacted at this parliament that every man shall offer the accustomable offering days, which, with 2*d.* to be paid at Easter, doth amount unto 18*d.* yearly. And that at every

offering day he that offereth do take up a token at the offering, and he that cannot show a token that he hath offered, to pay to the butler his offering due immediately upon request thereof, to the use of the master of the Temple."

Stewards of the reader's dinner:—Master Manwood, and Master Gawdy, F.

PARLIAMENT held on 15 October, 1 Elizabeth, A.D. 1559, before JOHN CARELL, ANTHONY STAPYLTON, and others.

Officers for Christmas:—

Stewards:—Ascue, knight, Sneyd, knight, and Fermour, knight.

Marshals:—Master Warnecombe, Master Appowell, and Master Chocke, Francis.

Butlers:—Master Crymes, Master Dutton, and Master Payne, R.

Pensions assessed at *2s.*

PARLIAMENT held on 2 October, 1 Elizabeth, A.D. 1559, before JOHN CARILL, ANTHONY STAPLETON, THOMAS GAWDY, JAMES REYVETT, ROBERT ALLOTT, GEORGE BROMELEY, and others.

Reader for Lent next:—Master Thomas Gawdye.

Attendants to the reader:—Master Wylliams and Master Thruston.

PARLIAMENT held on 5 November, 1 Elizabeth, A.D. 1559, before JOHN CARYLL, RICHARD BLACKWALL, JAMES SMYTHE, JOHN FULLER, THOMAS GAWDY, —— BYSCHOPPE, ROBERT ALLOTT, JAMES REYVETT, GEORGE BROMLEY, and others.

Treasurer:—Master Fuller.

Auditors for the steward:—Master Fuller, Master Onslowe, Master Purslow, and Master Bromley, T.

Auditors for the treasurer:—Master Gawdye, T., Master Allott, Master Gell, and Master Gawdye, F.

Special admission of Edward Randyll, and he is to be discharged from all offices, etc., at the special instance of Master Fuller, reader for Lent vacation, 1557.

Whereas Master Warner, one of the fellowship of this House, is *non compos mentis*, and so not able to dispose or order his own affairs, and one Hyll, of Wendover, has paid 10*li.* to Master Nicholas Purslowe and Master Woodleyff, gentlemen of this House, to the use of the said Master Warner, it is ordered that the said sum be kept in the parliament house to be disposed to the use of the said Warner, and the said gentlemen be discharged thereof.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 November, 1 Elizabeth,[1] A.D. 1558, before JOHN CARYLL, ANTHONY STAPYLTON, ROBERT ALLOTT, GEORGE BROMLEY, RICHARD ONSLOW, and others.

Order that the auditors of the weekly accounts of the steward and butler shall see that the total sums shall be written out at length, for fear of any alteration.

The treasurer is commanded to receive such money of Master Robert Warner, being *non compos mentis*, as remains in Master Purslow's hands.

Order for the special admission of Master George Kendall, for which he paid 4*li.*, (except the stewardship).

PARLIAMENT held on —— December, 2 Elizabeth, A.D. 1559, before ROBERT CHIDLEY, ANTHONY STAPLETON, GEORGE BROMELEY, RICHARD ONSLOW, ANTHONY GELL, and others.

Order that the company of the House keeping commons during Christmas shall have 4*li.*, according to the ancient allowance.

Order that the old rule made for laundresses and lackeys shall be put in due execution, and a penalty of 6*s.* 8*d.* to be added to the former rule.

Francis Ascugh, Snede, and Fermor, knights, elected stewards, were called and did not appear.

Warncombe, Appowel, and Choke, elected marshals, were called and did not appear.

Crymes, Dutton, and Payne, being elected butlers, were called and did not appear.

[1] A mistake, apparently, for 25 November, 2 Elizabeth, A.D. 1559.

PARLIAMENT held on 4 February, 2 Elizabeth, A.D. 1559-60, before JOHN CARELL, ANTHONY STAPYLTON, THOMAS GAWDYE, THOMAS WILLIAMS, ROBERT ALLOTT, GEORGE BROMLEY, RICHARD ONSLOWE, and others.

Stewards of the reader's dinner in Lent next :— Master Purslowe and Master Baker.

"It is ordered at this parliament that from henceforth there shall not any ashen cups be provided, but the House to be served in green cups, both of winter and summer."

Request is made to the treasurer "to enter into talk with Wheler of the Queen's Head" for certain duties due to Master Warner, whereupon it was agreed between the treasurer and Wheler that the latter should confess an action in the Guildhall of London for the assurance of the payment of his debt. And afterwards Wheler paid to the treasurer 18*li.*, whereof the treasurer has yielded account.

Master Purslow delivered to the treasurer 9*li.* and "a copper pistolet" received for rents of the lands of the said Robert Warner, whereof the treasurer has yielded account.

PARLIAMENT held on 19 February, 2 Elizabeth, A.D. 1559-60, before JOHN CARELL, ANTHONY STAPLETON, THOMAS GAWDY, GEORGE BROMELEY, ANTHONY GELL, and others.

"It is enacted that a bencher's son admitted into his father's chamber with his father, and being a continuer and a learner, either shall still remain in his father's chamber, or else, if a bencher require the same, he to be admitted into the chamber from whence the same bencher cometh and to have that bencher's ancienty (*auncyente*)."

On account of sundry complaints made to the House of Sir Thomas Saunder, knight, late treasurer, as to his office of treasureship, it is ordered "that he shall re-account and make a particular account of all his receipts and payments."

Order that the steward shall be allowed in every mess at dinner 1*d.*, and 1½*d.* at supper, above the ordinary allowance, and this rule to stand till Shrovetide next.

Because the nine officers before elected did not appear, it is ordered that those appointed stewards shall forfeit 10*li.* each, and those appointed marshals or butlers, 5*li.* each.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 May, 2 Elizabeth, A.D. 1560, before ANTHONY STAPLETON, THOMAS GAWDY, JAMES REVET, GEORGE BROMELEY, and RICHARD ONSLOW.

John Thurston elected reader.

The election of the attendants on the reader is respited till the next parliament.

The cook is disallowed his petition for 3*li.* 10*s.* 1*d.* for commons whilst he was steward (whereof he has received 31*s.* 1*d.*) because he did not cause the same to be called openly in the hall, according to the old order of the House.

Order that Master Edmund Hare shall have Master Thomas Gawdy's special admission, due to the latter by reason of his readership.

Order that Master Jones shall have Master Wylliams' special admission, due for his readership.

Order that Master Maryene shall have a special admission (except the stewardship) for 4*li.*

Order that Master Farewell, at the special instance of Sir James Dyer, knight, chief justice of the Common Pleas, shall have a special admission for 40*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on 26 May, 2 Elizabeth, A.D. 1560, before ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT ALLOT, GEORGE BROMELEY, and RICHARD ONSLOWE.

Stewards to the reader's dinner:—Master Price and Master Lucas.

Attendants upon the reader:—Master Williams and Master Rothewood.

The granting of a special admission required by Fretwell, the butler, is referred to the next parliament whether it is to be granted as a favour, or as a duty.

Whereas Master Williams gave notice to the treasurer that Master Jones should have his special admission at the end of Hilary term last, after which some money was due to the House by the said Jones for a mean vacation and for commons before his special admission, it is therefore ordered that he be discharged from the duty due for the said vacation, but shall be charged for the duty due for his commons.

Whereas an order was heretofore made that Master Seymour might lie in his chamber and not be cast in commons, saving the four principal weeks of the year, having regard as well to the building of his chamber as that he was clerk of the parliament house, it is now ordered that upon his paying fully for the said four weeks the said former grant shall stand in full force.

Order that, for the better payment of the apparels of the House, there shall be an aid levied, viz. :—of every knight, 13*s.* 4*d.*; of every bencher, 10*s.*; of every utter barrister and attorney, 5*s.*; and of every other, 3*s.* 4*d.*

PARLIAMENT held on — June, 2 Elizabeth, A.D. 1560, before JOHN CARELL, ANTHONY STAPULTON, ROBERT ALLOT, JAMES REVETT, ANTHONY GELL, and others.

Order that for certain needful causes the commons to be raised 4*d.* a week as well at the clerks' as at the masters' commons. *Entry crossed out.*

Master Higham granted a special admission for 4 marks.

PARLIAMENT held on 13 October, 2 Elizabeth, A.D. 1560, before JOHN CARRELL, ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROGER MANWOOD, and ANTHONY GELL.

Pensions assessed at 2*s.*

"As concerning order to be taken touching the loss of the reading of the last summer vacation by the default of Master John Thurston, reader elected, and to whom the Queen's writ of injunction was directed and by him received, it is agreed that the company of the bench shall go together to-morrow to the justices to the intent

that they all together may say to the lord keeper for better redress thereof."

"It is ordered that if any refuse to pay his duty upon the aid roll lately granted, viz.:—as many as shall be in commons before Hallowtide next coming, that then they shall be out of commons and their chamber void *ipso facto*, and not to be re-admitted until such fine be paid as shall be assessed by the bench. And if any after the said feast, not being now in commons, do refuse to pay, etc., by the space of six days next after his entry into commons, then he to be ordered in like manner."

Order that such as be present and owe commons to the steward shall pay all their duties within fourteen days, or else be out of commons and their chambers, and pay a fine amounting to a fourth part of their debt without remission, and such as be in debt and not now in commons shall not be put into commons till he pay his debt to the steward.

Order that, for the better payment of commons, the steward shall at supper time on the Saturday next after the week in which the accounts are cast, bring his rolls to the bench, and all such as be then unpaid shall be put out of commons and pay 12*d.* to the House for every such default, except he pay the same before the benchers' table be taken up. And if the steward fail to bring his rolls accordingly, then he shall pay 5*s.* to the use of the House for every default, and to stand the loss of all the debt that hangs upon the said roll.

Order that a letter be sent to Master Rothewood to prepare him against next summer for his reading.

"Order that the treasurer commune with Master Bodyam for order of the grant of his chamber."

Order that Fych, the butler, shall quietly remain in the chamber lately built and amended by Fretwell and himself, and if both the said Fretwell and his chamber-fellow die or discontinue, then the said Fych with one other gentleman of the House only, be there as long as he continue in the office of butler or shall be fellow of the House.

Order that the Middle Temple treasurer be spoken with for the order of the better payment of the offerings.

PARLIAMENT held on the morrow of All Souls, 2 Elizabeth, A.D. 1560, before JOHN CARELL, ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KELWEY, THOMAS GAWDY, JAMES REVET, GEORGE BROMELEY, ROBERT ALLOT, and ANTHONY GELL.

Reader for Lent next:—Master Williams.

Attendants:—Master Poole and Master Rothwood.

Auditors for the steward:—Master Whithed and Master Leyton.

Auditors for the treasurer:—Master Oneslow and Master Gell.

Master Fuller re-elected treasurer.

Officers for Christmas:—

Stewards:—Sir William Dormer, knight, Master Tufton, and Master Basshe.

Marshals:—Master Barret, Master Dutton, and Master Busby.

Butlers:—Master Coper, Master Dyon, and Master Elryngton.

Special admission granted to Master Blunt at the request of Master Stapleton, for 4 marks.

PARLIAMENT held on 6 November, 2 Elizabeth, A.D. 1560, before JOHN CARRELL, ROBERT KELWEY, THOMAS GAWDY, JAMES REYVET, ROBERT ALLOT, GEORGE BROMELEY, and ANTHONY GELL.

"It is ordered that if there be no solemn Christmas kept at this next Christmas, then to take order for the discharge of Master Eston, late butler for Christmas, for finding of plate and napery, considering he hath had the office and charges so long time together."

"And that some annual fee may be given to some to find the same annually."

"Whereas John Thurston, esquire, was elected our reader for the summer vacation last and made default, and so the reading was lost to the great detriment and scandal of the House; and whereas the said Thurston, for his excuse therein allegeth his secret infirmities and sickness, and yet nevertheless humbly submitteth himself to the order of this House, wherefore forasmuch as his suggestion is likely enough to be true, although it does not appear outwardly to our sights so to be, it is therefore ordered and enacted that if the said Master

Thurston do pay to the use of the House the sum of 40 marks, in the name of part of his fine, and also within the space of seven days now next ensuing do take a corporal oath to be ministered to him by such justice and serjeant or justices and serjeants at law as now be and were of late of this company, in form ensuing, that is to say, that at the time he should have read he was so infirm and sick, etc., as it appeareth in the paper of his oath hereunto annexed, that then the said Thurston shall be discharged of both his readings, and of all fines and forfeitures to be laid upon him for any of the same. Provided always that if he do not read within the space of the said three years, by reason of any infirmity or other cause, that then he shall pay 20*li.* more to the use of the House in full payment of 46*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for his fine. And it is ordered that one of the governors of the House with the treasurer shall be present to see the said oath duly ministered."

"And it is further agreed that all other which hereafter shall be elected readers, pretending any such secret infirmities, shall be in like manner fined, purged, and tried."

PARLIAMENT held on 14 November, 2 Elizabeth, A.D. 1560, before JOHN CARILL, ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KELWEY, THOMAS GAWDY, JAMES REYVET, ANTHONY GELL, and others.

It was certified to the House by Master Carrell, attorney of the Duchy, and John Fullier, treasurer of this House, that they were present with Master Thurston before Master Whiddon, justice, and Master Serjeant Harper, and saw him take his corporal oath, as in the paper hereto annexed appears, and saw him also subscribe the same very willingly. *The oath administered to Master John Thurston, in the following form, is attached:*—"You shall swear that at the time you should have read in the Inner Temple in the vacation last past that you were so infirm and diseased in your body, that without certain and sure peril of your health and very great danger of your body, not easily to be cured, you could not read nor was able to read. And you shall also swear that if you (all fraud and cosin set apart) shall find and perceive yourself within the space of three years now next coming, amended and recovered, so that you be able to read, that then you shall notify the same to some of the

governors and treasurer of the said Temple, then being, in the beginning of those terms wherein yearly the readers be used to be chosen and shall then offer to read, and shall read accordingly, and shall make such number of readings as by the governors of the said House or two of them, by the advice of others of the bench, shall be prescribed and appointed to you. So help you God, etc."

"The said oath was taken of my own frank and voluntary will, by me, John Thruston."

Order for the buttery and the comers in and out thereto be referred to the next parliament.

Master Mather to have a special admission for 50*s*.

Master Lowe to have a special admission for 4 marks.

PARLIAMENT held on 24 November, 3 Elizabeth, A.D. 1560, before J. CARELL, ROBERT KEYLWEY, ROBERT ALLOT, GEORGE BROMELEY, ANTHONY GELL, and others.

Order that Master Alexander Whited, of late called to the company of the bench, shall be from henceforth free and discharged from his readings and the keeping of all other learnings in the House, and also from all manner of offices, elections, fines for Christmas, and other charges and duties (commons, pensions, aid rolls, and church rolls only excepted). And also that the said Alexander shall be remitted to the bar and there to continue in his ancienty, discharged as is aforesaid. And he shall pay to the treasurer 15*li*.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 November, 3 Elizabeth, A.D. 1560, before JOHN CARRILL, ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KELWEY, ROBERT ALLOT, GEORGE BROMELEY, and ANTHONY GELL.

Order for Master Sydenham to have a special admission for 45*s*.

As concerning all the petitions of Eden, late steward (except the petition for commons), it is ordered that they be allowed him, and the petition for 17*li*. 16*s*. 11*d*. is reserved for further consideration, and in the mean time the House to aid him in collecting thereof, and if it cannot be levied, the House to take further order therein for his discharge.

PARLIAMENT held on 20 January, 3 Elizabeth, A.D. 1560-1, before JOHN CAREL, ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KELWEY, ANTHONY GELL, ROGER MANWOOD, and others.

There is allowed to the company towards the charges of last Christmas, 4*li.*

"It is ordered that at no time hereafter there shall be any playing at dice or at cards in the hall, either in time of a private Christmas, solemn Christmas, or at any time, in any chamber or other place in the House, upon pain of expulsion from the House for ever without any re-admission. And that every person, so playing or suffering any to play, shall forfeit 40*s.* for every such default."

PARLIAMENT held on 28 January, 3 Elizabeth, A.D. 1560-1, before JOHN CARELL, ROBERT KELWEY, ROBERT ALLOT, ANTHONY GELL, and others.

Order that for the keeping up of the apparels of this House, which, by occasion of the dearth of victuals, is now great, the commons shall be raised 4*d.* a week, until the end of the week after Trinity term.

Order for the treasurer to commune with Shirbroke touching the bread embezzled out of the buttery "and supposed that he should be privy thereto."

The order concerning the reader for Lent referred to the next parliament, by reason of the absence of Sir Richard Sakvyle, knight, and Master Chidley. And another parliament shall therefore be summoned very shortly.

PARLIAMENT held on 9 February, 3 Elizabeth, A.D. 1560-1, before JOHN CARRILL, ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KELWEY, ROGER MANWOOD, and ANTHONY GELL.

"It is ordered that every single reader shall be at three moots in every term, and in Michaelmas term at four moots; and every bencher, not a reader, to be at five moots in every term, and in Michaelmas term at six, upon pain for every moot, etc. 5*s.* And the

same 5*s*. to be cast into commons, upon pain to every auditor not casting so the same into the commons, 5*s*. And the ancient butler, not informing of the same defaults, 5*s*. for every time."

"Item it is ordered that if any gentleman of this House do hereafter strike any officer of the House, that he shall be put out of commons and of his chamber, and to pay the fine of 40*s*. at the least, and more, if it be ordered to more by the bench."

"It is further ordered that if any gentleman of this House, under the bench, come into the buttery to eat or drink, except it be in case he bring a stranger in to drink, that then the party so offending shall forfeit for every time 3*s*. 4*d*., and the butler, not discovering the same, to forfeit 3*s*. 4*d*.

Order that the bench shall consider what messes of meat be daily served into the hall at dinner and supper.

PARLIAMENT held on 4 May, 3 Elizabeth, A.D. 1561, before JOHN CARRILL, ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KELWEY, THOMAS GAWDY, ROBERT ALLOT, G. BROMELEY, RICHARD ONSLOW, ANTHONY GELL, and others.

Pensions assessed at 2*s*.

Order that Master Coverte shall have a special admission (except the stewardship) for 46*s*. 8*d*.

Order that Master Bodyham shall enjoy his chamber during his natural life, so long as he is not absent a year together, in consideration of the charges expended by him on the same chamber, and of the further charges of 10*li*. at the least to be bestowed thereon.

Order that the butlers shall see the several orders for laundresses and lackeys be put in due execution.

Reader:—George Bromeley.

Attendants:—Master Poole and Master Onslowe.

Order for Master Welshe to have a special admission for 40*s*.

PARLIAMENT held on 18 May, 3 Elizabeth, A.D. 1561, before ROBERT CHIDLEY, JOHN CARELL, ROBERT KEYLWEY, ROBERT ALLOT, RICHARD ONSLOW, ROGER MANWOOD, and others.

Master Welshe to have a special admission "from all offices" for 40*s*.

Order that Master Williams shall pay 40*li.* in Trinity term for the clear discharge of his reading, but should he come himself or send his letter undertaking to read at Lent next and read accordingly, that then he be discharged of his fine.

Order for the treasurer, Master Wythe and Master Francis Gawdy, to hear and determine the matter at variance between Master Taverner and the steward, and if they cannot end the same, to report to the bench within three or four days.

PARLIAMENT held on 15 June, 3 Elizabeth, A.D. 1561, before JOHN CARILL, ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KEYLWEY, GEORGE BROMELEY, and ANTHONY GELL.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Master Bromeley and Master Lucas.

Order that Calmady be sent for to the bench to make a determinate answer for the payment of Mr. Williams' fine.

Order "that Master Francis Gawdy, reader of Lion's Inn, be commanded to confer with the treasurer and company of Lion's Inn to have the summer vacation kept as hath of old time been accustomed there, and not be broken up as of late they have used, contrary to good order. And if he do not so bring it to pass, then the said treasurer and ancients to be sent for to the bench for the better reformation thereof."

Reader:—William Poole.

Order that Master Poole shall be reader the next Lent, and if he fail in his attendance, he shall pay 100 marks, and if afterwards he fail in his reading he shall pay three times as much.

"Item, it is ordered that the treasurer shall confer with the treasurer of the Middle Temple for the true payment of the offerings, and of their agreements to make relation to the House, to the intent that both the Houses may make an act for the true payment thereof from time to time."

Master Fowkes to have a special admission for 40*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on 25 June, 3 Elizabeth, A.D. 1561, before ROBERT KELWEY, GEORGE BROMELEY, and ANTHONY GELL.

Order for the act of parliament for raising the commons to stand in force till the first parliament in Michaelmas term next.

Order that the petitions of Eden shall be respited till that time.

Master Bekynshall to have a special admission for 40*s*.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 October, 3 Elizabeth, A.D. 1561, before ROBERT KELWEY, RICHARD BLACKWALL, ROBERT ALLOT, ANTHONY GELL, and others.

Pensions assessed at 2*s*.

Special admission of Master Fyche, late butler and now one of the company, without any fine, as it has been used heretofore for the benefit of butlers of the House.

Order for the act touching the raising of commons to continue.

Master —— Saunders to have a special admission for 40*s*.

Wirton Browneng to have a special admission for 40*s*.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 3 Elizabeth, A.D. 1561, before JOHN CARELL, ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KELWEY, RICHARD BLACKWALL, THOMAS GAWDY, ROBERT ALLOT, ROGER MANWOOD, ANTHONY GELL, and others.

Reader for next Lent :—Master Pole.

Attendants :—Master Revet and Master Onslow.

Auditors for the steward :—Master Pole, Master Allot, Master Wyth, and Master Flourdew.

Auditors for the treasurer :—Master Blackwall, Master Onslow, Master Whited, and Master Mariot.

Treasurer :—Master Fuller re-elected.

Officers for Christmas :—

Stewards :—Master James Haryngton, Master Sheldon, and Master Bashe.

Marshals:—Master Richard Cowper, Master Charles Fox, and Master Copley.

Butler:—Master Paten.

PARLIAMENT held on 16 November, 3 Elizabeth, A.D. 1561, before JOHN CARELL, ANTHONY STAPELTON, ROBERT KELWEY, RICHARD BLACKWELL, THOMAS GAWDY; WILLIAM POLE, ROBERT ALLOT, RICHARD OUNSLOWE, ANTHONY GELL, ROGER MANWOOD, and others.

"Where[1] we, the company and fellowship of the Inner Temple in London, now have and enjoy and all our predecessors of the same fellowship and company, by all the time whereof no memory of man is to the contrary, have had, used, and enjoyed the readings of the three Inns of Chancery, called Clement's Inn, Clifford's Inn, and Lion's Inn, which said Houses by reason thereof have ever been accepted and taken as members, united and annexed to the body of this our House, and by all the same time the fellows and students of this our House have from time to time ministered and imparted to the fellowships and companies of the same three Houses of Chancery, the learnings and knowledge of the law by readings, moots, and other kinds of learning; and also the governors, benchers, and ancients of this our House from time to time have been ready to give their advice, and have had a great zeal and tender care to the preservation, furtherance, good government, increase, and continuance of the same Houses of Chancery, and have been always ready, by reason of this their ancient amity and union, at all times to nourish and further them as 'impes'[2] and loving members of this our House, which they, united to us by this ancient and long continued friendship, ever have and yet still do thankfully and in good part receive. By reason of which unity and ancient friendship the number of students, as well in this House as in the said Houses of Chancery, doth much increase, whereof there is great hope and likelihood that as many learned men shall proceed as have in any one age before this time. Yet nevertheless as well in the term of Holy Trinity last past as in this present term of St. Michael in the

[1] In the margin is:—"For Lyon's Inne."

[2] The shoots of a tree; hence offspring (Halliwell, "Dict. of Arch. Words").

third year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign lady, Queen Elizabeth, great suit, labour, and means have been secretly made in the behalf of the fellowship and company of the Middle Temple in London to the right honourable Sir Nicholas Bacon, knight, lord keeper of the great seal of England, that he, by his power and authority, should, without any default of our parts or desert of their parts, take order to sever and cut off from the body of this our House one of the said Inns of Chancery or members of the same our House, and to annex and appoint the same to the said fellowship and company of the Middle Temple. Of the which suit, so wrongfully and unneighbourly practised against us, we, having had understanding some of our company have privately charged with this unkindness some of their said company of the Middle Temple, who having no cause or reason to allege for themselves whereby they might justly and in any friendly manner avow the same, have denied it to be their suit or request and have affirmed the same to be attempted and followed by Sir Robert Catlyn, knight, lord chief justice of England, and Sir James Dier, knight, lord chief justice of the Common Pleas. Whereupon we, afterwards in this present term, being called for the same matter before the said lord keeper, and refusing to assent to depart from our said rightful and ancient title and possession of the readings of any of the said Houses of Chancery, being left to us by our ancient predecessors and acquired and obtained to this our House by their great wisdom, policy, and charges, and since maintained and continued by their successors from time to time till this day, the said two chief justices then being present, did earnestly maintain and further the said matter against us. In the end whereof it seemed to us that the said lord keeper would partly use their advice in ending and ordering of the same matter, whereupon we—considering the earnestness of the said chief justices, and that they both and the most part of all the other justices of both the benches, and of the barons of the Exchequer now being, had been of the fellowship of the said Middle Temple, and being loth to put our most rightful and ancient title and possession of the premises in any order or award for danger of losing thereby part of our right specially against the suit and labour of such as be our superiors and in great authority—thought good and thereupon did by our common assent make our humble suit to the right honourable the Lord

Robert Dudley, knight of the most noble order of the garter and master of the Queen's Majesty's horse, as to our chief refuge, to be a means to the Queen's Highness, that we, her Majesty's humble subjects, being ready to serve her Highness and her commonwealth in our vocations, might enjoy that our just and ancient title and possession in the premises; and that we might not by any authority under her Majesty, be so discredited or hindered as to be dispossessed of that our predecessors, time out of mind, have used, had, and enjoyed, and left unto us as a chief ornament and commodity of the same our House. Which our said humble suit, so made, his lordship, of his great good will and goodness towards the company and fellowship of this our House, as chiefly for the right and equity of our cause, did so much tender and take in good part, that his lordship hath so earnestly and honourably moved the Queen's Highness in our behalf therein, that at his lordship's suit and contemplation it hath pleased her Majesty—(not liking of any innovations without great cause) of her great zeal to justice, and of her Highness' good inclination to learning, and to favour and further us, being students of the laws of her Highness' realm, and not by any means to discourage us—to send her Majesty's ring as a token to the said lord keeper, and also in her royal person to speak to the said lord keeper to cease and no further to proceed or meddle in the same matter, but to suffer us to continue our said ancient and just possession to the readings of the same three Houses of Chancery. Sithens which time the said lord keeper, who hath been of the company and fellowship of Gray's Inn, which have been of ancient amity, familiarity, and friendship with this our House, being glad to have such occasion from her Highness fully to answer all such earnest and importunate suits as had or should be made to him in this behalf, hath sithens stayed and no further proceeded therein, for which our said suit and quietness so obtained by the means of the said right honourable Lord Robert Duddeley, we, the fellowship and company of this House now being and our successors which after us shall be, cannot but of duty acknowledge ourselves, next to our said sovereign lady the Queen's Majesty, most bounden to the said right honourable Lord Robert Duddeley, and being students of the law, having no other thing but our learning to gratify or serve his lordship withal, have thought it our bounden duties to render and give to his lordship our most

humble thanks for this singular benefit (the greater whereof could not have happened unto this our House) which we have received by his lordship's only means and goodness, which although we of ourselves be not able to recompense, yet for the declaration of our good wills and of our thankful minds and duties towards his lordship, as chief patron and defender under our said sovereign lady the Queen's Majesty of this our House and of the rights and pre-eminences of the same, and to the end the same may hereafter remain for a perpetual memory to our successors, which we trust and most humbly desire his lordship to accept in good part, as a token and knowledge of our good wills and thankful remembrances, have thought good to enact, and by this our present parliament do with one voice and consent freely and most willingly enact, ordain, and establish that no person or persons whatsoever now being or which at any time hereafter shall be of the fellowship or company of this our House of the Inner Temple, shall, in any wise or by any manner of means, be retained of counsel or otherwise give any counsel, help, or aid in any matter or cause against the said right honourable Lord Robert Duddeley or against any of his heirs, but that we and every of us and our successors shall at all times hereafter be of counsel with the said Lord Robert Duddeley and his heirs upon his and their pleasure therein signified to us or them in that behalf; and that the arms of the said right honourable Lord Robert Duddeley shall be set up and placed in some seemly and convenient place in the hall of this our House of the Inner Temple as a continual monument of his lordship's said goodness and great good will towards this House.

"And whereas John Duddely, gentleman, being kinsman to the said Lord Robert Duddeley, hath very earnestly travailled to the said Lord Robert Duddeley in this our humble suit to his lordship, and in our absences hath very friendly and diligently solicited the same to his lord, which said John Duddeley is also very desirous to be admitted of our fellowship and company of this House, we therefore being glad to receive so good and profitable a member into the same House, have, in recompense of part of his friendship and travail employed in the premises towards this House, thought good to enact and by this present parliament do further enact that the said John Duddeley shall at his pleasure be received and admitted one of the fellows of this House and that he shall freely have a special ad-

mittance in most beneficial manner in the same House, and some convenient chamber there, when it shall be void in such sort that he may take the use and commodity of the same."[1]

PARLIAMENT held on — December, 4 Elizabeth, A.D. 1561, before ROBERT CHIDLEY, ANTHONY STAPLETON, W. POLE, RICHARD ONSLOW, ROGER MANWOOD, ANTHONY GELL, and others.

Stewards :—James Haryngton and William Sheldon, being called, did not appear. Richard Bashe undertook the office.

Marshals elected :—Master Cowper and Master Fox called and made default. Master Copley undertook the office.

Butler :— ——

Master Benson to have a special admission for 40*s*.

Memorandum, that at this time there was a grand and solemn Christmas in the Inner Temple, at which there were these officers, Lord Robert Duddeley was lord governor, Master Onslowe, lord chancellor, Master Bashe, steward, Master Coppeley, marshal, and Master Patten, butler. *French.*

PARLIAMENT held on 21 January, 4 Elizabeth, A.D. 1561-2, before J. CARELL, ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KELWEY, THOMAS WYLLIAMS, WILLIAM POLE, EDWARD BASHE, GEORGE BROMELEY, RICHARD ONSLOW, ANTHONY GELL, and ROGER MANWOOD.

Order that there be granted to Edward Bashe, esquire, in consideration of his great charges as steward at last Christmas, two special admissions. Whereupon the said Bashe declared that Benjamin Awger should have the one and Master Winter the other.

PARLIAMENT held on 4 February, 4 Elizabeth, A.D. 1561-2, before J. CARRILL, ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KELWAY, THOMAS WILLIAMS, WILLIAM POLE, and ANTHONY GELL.

Order that Masters With, Guynes, Lucas, and Manser shall bring into this House at the next parliament a reckoning of all sums laid

[1] Note at end of this entry: "Vide 5 May, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary."

out by any at Christmas or Candlemas for any "masks, plays, disguisings, or other like."

Order that Master Hatton shall have a special admission, without payment, in respect of his charges as the master of the game.

Order that Arthur Broke shall have a special admission, without payment, in consideration of certain plays and shows at Christmas last set forth by him.

Master Sheldon and Master Haryngton for not undertaking the office of steward, are fined 10*li.* each.

Master Cowper and Master Charles Fox fined in like manner.

Order for Master Rowland Hynde to have a special admission for 40*s.* *Entry crossed out.*

PARLIAMENT held on 8 February, 4 Elizabeth, A.D. 1561-2, before J. CARRILL, ANTHONY STAPLETON, W. POLE, ROBERT ALLOT, and ANTHONY GELL.

Order that towards the defraying of the charges of Christmas, every bencher shall pay 20*s.*, every utter barrister 20*s.*, and every other of the fellowship 20*s.*

A special admission granted to Master Marwood for 40*s.*

Order that in respect of the great charges of the stewards of the reader's dinner, everyone shall hereafter pay 12*d.* to the same steward.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Leyson Price and Bernard Randell.

Whereas Nicholas Hare, a gentleman of this House, having a special admission whereby he was discharged from all offices and other charges concerning grand Christmas, yet at the request of the bench and upon promise that his charges or the greatest part thereof should be borne by the common fines of the House, took upon him the office of constable marshal; and because he sustained the whole charge thereof, it is granted that as a recompense he shall for ever be discharged from all manner of charges for readers' dinners, and other charges, which any utter barrister ought to pay, and shall not be bound to keep learning in the House, and if hereafter he be called to the bench, he shall be discharged from both his readings and other learnings within the House.

PARLIAMENT held on 4 May, 4 Elizabeth, A.D. 1562, before J. CARRILL, ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KELWEY, THOMAS GAWDY, ROBERT ALLOT, JAMES REVET, FRANCIS GAWDY, and others.

Pensions assessed at 2*s*.

Reader for autumn next:—Master Onslowe.

Attendants:—Master Revet and Master Gell.

It is granted that Rowland Hynde, gent., shall have a special admission and be discharged from all offices, except those of steward and marshal, for 40*s*.

Edward Carrill to have the special admission of Master George Bromeley, reader in summer vacation last.

John Charles, gent., to have the special admission of Master Pole, reader in Lent last.

Auditors to the treasurer:—Master Oneslow, Master F. Gawdy, Master Whithed, and Master Mariot.

Order that Master John Dudley shall have some convenient chamber, according to his degree.

PARLIAMENT held on 16 June, 4 Elizabeth, A.D. 1562, before ROBERT KELWEY, RICHARD ONSLOW, ANTHONY GELL, and FRANCIS GAWDY.

"It is ordered that the scullions shall have their wages doubled, and the act for lackeys and laundresses be put in due execution, and that the butlers shall see well to the execution thereof, as much as in them shall lie."

Eden's petition for allowance for commons to be brought before the bench in Michaelmas term next.

Master Fanshaw to have a special admission for 40*s*.

Order that the treasurer may appoint Master Smalman to be still his under-treasurer "as he hath been before answering for the same Master Smalman."

Order that the treasurer shall proceed to the finishing of the new buildings, and that order shall be taken for the speedy collection of the duties of the House, as well by the pension writ as all other ways

for and towards the payment of workfolks and the finishing of the same buildings.

Stewards of the reader's dinner :—Master Fitz and Master Sakvylle.

PARLIAMENT held on 30 June, 4 Elizabeth, A.D. 1562, before ANTHONY STAPLETON, RICHARD BASHE, WILLIAM POLE, GEORGE BROMELEY, RICHARD ONSLOW, ANTHONY GELL, ROGER MANWOD, FRANCIS GAWDY, and MASTER LONE.

Order for Master T. Gyffard to have a special admission for 3*li.*

"It is ordered that whereas the treasurer that now is, hath admitted himself into the south corner chamber of the new buildings, and wherein he hath also admitted Master Bashe, that if none other treasurer besides Master Saunders hath admitted himself into any chamber without an act of parliament, that then the said treasurer's admittance into the said chamber of himself to be void, and that then Master John Dudeley to be admitted in the place of the said treasurer. And if there hath been any other admittance by himself, then the said treasurer's admittance of himself to be good and available.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 4 Elizabeth, A.D. 1562, before JOHN CARILL, ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KELWEY, THOMAS GAWDY, WILLIAM POLE, JAMES REVET, ROBERT ALLOT, GEORGE BROMLEY, RICHARD ONSLOW, ANTHONY GELL, ROGER MANWOOD, FRANCIS GAWDY, and MASTER LONE.

Reader for Lent next :—Master Reyvet.

Attendants on the reader :—Master Allot and Master Gell.

Auditors to the steward :—Master Bromley, Master Gell, Master Hare, and Master Thomson.

Auditors to the treasurer :—Those that were last appointed, together with Master Pole.

Treasurer :—Master Thomas Gawdy.

Officers for Christmas :—

Stewards :—Sir Thomas Andrews, Master Asscot, and Master James Harington.

Marshals :—Master Byrt, Master Dutton, and Master Mynd.

Butler :—Master Frank, Master Fulforde, and Master Parker.

PARLIAMENT held on 19 November, 5 Elizabeth, A.D. 1562, before JOHN CARELL, ANTHONY STAPYLTON, ROBERT KELLAWAY, JOHN FULLER, WILLIAM POOLE, ROBERT ALLOT, GEORGE BROMBLEY, RICHARD ONSLOWE, and ANTHONY GELL.

"It is ordered that none shall be admitted of this fellowship and company, but that he shall pay for his admittance into the House to the use of the said House and company 40*s.*, except he be the son of one of the bench or outer bar, or except he be or hath been by the space of one whole year of the company of one of our Houses of Chancery belonging to this House."

Order for Master Stewkley to have a special admission.

PARLIAMENT held on 22 November, 5 Elizabeth, A.D. 1562, before ANTHONY STAPYLTON, ROBERT KELWAYE, WILLIAM POOLE, ROBERT ALLOT, and GEORGE BROMBLEY.

Order that—in consideration of the great labour bestowed by Master Fuller, late treasurer, about certain new buildings, and because he has taken upon him to discharge the House from the payment of 100*li.* or thereabouts, to the labourers and workmen of the same buildings that ought to be paid by the company of this House, —from henceforth the said new buildings shall be called Master Fuller's Rents.

Order that the wages of John Busbye, the panierman, shall be increased from 25*s.* to 50*s.* a year in consideration of the number and greatness of the company, and the extra labour required from him.

PARLIAMENT held on 21 December, 5 Elizabeth, A.D. 1562, before ANTHONY STAPILTON and THOMAS WYLLIAMS.

Stewards :—Sir Thomas Andrewes and Master Ascott, being called, did not appear. Master James Harryngton, being called,

Master Harryngton his son prayed that his appearance might be recorded.

Marshals:—Master Byrt, Master Dutton, and Master Mynd, being called, did not appear.

Butlers:—Master Frank, Master Fulford, and Master Parker, being called, did not appear.

PARLIAMENT held on 24 January, 5 Elizabeth, A.D. 1562-3, before THOMAS WYLLIAMS, speaker in the Great Parliament, JOHN CARRELL, ANTHONY STAPYLTON, ROBERT KEYLWEY, WILLIAM POOL, GEORGE BROMLEY, RICHARD ONSLOWE, and MASTER LONE.

There is allowed to the company towards the charges of the Christmas last past 4*li.*

Sir Thomas Andrewes and Master Ascott amerced 10*li.* each for not undertaking the office of steward at Christmas.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Masters Wythe and Master John Pryce.

A special admission granted to Master Fortescue for 3*li.*

Master Frank, Master Fullford, and Master Parker amerced 5*li.* each for not undertaking the office of butler.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 February, 5 Elizabeth, A.D. 1562-3, before ANTHONY STAPYLTON, ROBERT KEYLWEY, JAMES REYVET, ANTHONY GELL, ROGER MANWOOD, and THOMAS BROMLEY, esquires.

Order for Master Garret Lee to have a special admission without paying anything for the special admission or his admission to the House.

Order that Master Blackham have a special admission for 40*s.*

Order that "in consideration of the great apparels that this House hath run in and doth daily grow by reason of the great scantiness of bread and dearness of beer, and other charges," an aid roll shall be granted, and every bencher shall pay 6*s.* 8*d.*, and every

other fellow of the House 5*s*. And for the avoidance of like charges hereafter, the commons shall continue all this vacation at 3*s*. 4*d*., as in term time.

PARLIAMENT held on 2 May, 5 Elizabeth, A.D. 1563, before JOHN CARELL, ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KELWAY, JAMES REYVET, GEORGE BROMBLEY, ROGER MANWOOD, RICHARD LONE, NICHOLAS PURSLO, and others.

"It is ordered by authority of this parliament that conference shall be had with the company of the Middle Temple touching the providing of some convenient cup to minister the communion withal in the church, etc."

Order for Mr. Anthony Gell to be reader next summer, and Mr. Allot and Mr. Manwood to be attendants in the reading time.

Order that the act of last parliament for raising of commons shall be continued till the first parliament of next term.

Mr. Glascocke and Mr. Flowerdewe appointed to consider the inconveniences of and necessary repairs to the new buildings lately built by Mr. Fuller, late treasurer, and to report to the next parliament.

Order for Henry Poole, lately admitted to this fellowship, to have a special admission for 4*li*.

Pensions assessed at 2*s*.

Whereas at a parliament held on 15 November, 3 and 4 Philip and Mary,[1] A.D. 1556, before Sir John Baker and others, it was upon great deliberation enacted that none should come to the outer bar or be after that time utter barristers but such as should be called thereunto by the assent of the whole bench only, and by them to be examined of their ability and conditions, and then also to be advertised by them of the duty of an utter barrister. Since which time divers of this company have by sundry indirect means come to the same outer bar, some by their own presumption, others by sinister means, procuring themselves to be cast in the moot, "and some, after they have been cast and charged with the moot by the butler, have only for a colour offered themselves to the outer bar at

[1] See p. 187.

the board's end in the hall, under a pretence of a discharge of the moot, and yet nevertheless would receive no discharge of the outer bar, but of their own presumptuous mind took upon them the place of utter barristers, contrary to the ancient orders of this House, and contrary to the letter and meaning of the said first act, and in manifest contempt thereof, to the hindrance and keeping back of divers other their ancients and more worthy of that place, and to the stirring up of factions and dissention amongst some of the said company. Be it therefore now enacted by authority of this present parliament, that none of this company shall from henceforth stand charged or be chargeable with the moot at the outer bar or to moot at the outer bar by reason of any casting or charging with the moot, either in course or out of course, nor shall of his own presumption by means of any such casting or charging with the moot, nor by calling or appointment of the utter barristers of this company, or by any other device or means be received or accounted as an utter barrister in this company or have place amongst them in this House, unless he or they shall be thereunto first called, examined, and enabled by the consent of the whole bench of the said House for the time being, according to the said former act and not otherwise, and not occasioned by casting in the moot or by any of the said other indirect means. And if any shall presume to moot at the outer bar or take place there, being not so called and enabled as is aforesaid, then the same not to be in any wise reputed or taken as any utter barrister in this company."

"Whereas heretofore the readers of our three Houses of Chancery have divers times of their own heads, not only left and given over their office, charge, and rooms of reading in the said Houses, but also have taken upon them to nominate and appoint others to be put in election in the same Houses in their places, and to substitute deputies being not the meetest for the same, without the advice and consent of the bench, contrary to the ancient order of this House, whereby such inconveniences have ensued as hath tended to the hazard of losing of some of our said Houses, besides other mischiefs thereof ensuing. For avoiding of all which mischiefs hereafter, be it now enacted by the authority of this present parliament, that no reader of any of our said three Houses of Chancery shall at any time hereafter relinquish or give over his said office or room, nor

nominate or appoint any other to be put in election in the same office and room that he or they shall so give over, without the especial appointment and nomination of the whole bench in that behalf first obtained; and the person or persons for the election that shall next succeed the said room or rooms, to be nominate only to the whole bench, nor shall at any time hereafter keep above two moots in one vacation or term by any deputy or deputies, except such deputy or deputies be first thereunto nominated and appointed by the whole bench, according to an ancient order before this time made by parliament here holden" on 7 June, 38 Henry VIII.

PARLIAMENT held on 16 May, 5 Elizabeth, A.D. 1563, before ANTHONY STAPILTON, ROBERT KELWAYE, ROBERT ALLOT, GEORGE BROMLEY, ANTHONY GELL, FRANCIS GAWDYE, MASTER LONE, NICHOLAS PURSLOWE, and others.

Order that if any of the company be behind in the payment of his commons to the steward, or of any duty of the House, upon the same being demanded and not paid within six days, he shall for the non-payment of commons be amerced 12*d.* and be put out of commons; and for the non-payment of other duties, be put out of commons and leave his chambers till the same be paid. And if those out of commons for non-payment of commons do not pay within fourteen days after they be put out, then they are to lose their chambers for ever, and those who will sue for the same to be preferred, and if the principal and very debtors do not then pay, their pledges to pay the same within one month next after the said fourteen days or else be put out of commons till it be paid.

Order for the laundress' wages to be increased from 26*s.* 8*d.* to 33*s.* 4*d.*

Order that Mr. Warner's money and 20*li.* for the cup be recouped out of the debt owed by (*sic*) the society to Mr. Fuller, late treasurer, and that Mr. Warner's money be delivered to the puisne of the bench and ancient of the bar to keep to the use of the said Mr. Warner.

PARLIAMENT held on 13 June, 5 Elizabeth, A.D. 1563, before JOHN CARELL, a governor of the Temple, RICHARD ONSLOE, recorder of London, ROBERT KELLAWAYE, WILLIAM POLE, ROGER MANWOD, NICHOLAS PURSLOO, and others.

Order that the election of Mr. Gelle as reader this summer shall stand, and that a letter be sent notifying the full and plain determination in that behalf.

The election of stewards of the reader's dinner deferred till next parliament.

"Forasmuch as the charges of the reader's dinner and drinking be grown until [they are] an extreme burden to the stewards by reason of the great resort of the Queen's Majesty's councillors and other very many honourable persons, and chiefly by reason of the great number and multitude of fellows and commoners within the same House, that every fellow of the same House being in commons at any time in the latter time of the same week when such dinner shall happen to be, shall from henceforth pay towards the sustaining of the same intollerable charge 2*s.*, to be immediately rendered, upon request thereof made, to the stewards of the same dinner, and 12*d.* to the stewards of the drinking. Provided nevertheless that the readers of the three Houses of Chancery be not charged for the principals and three others of the same Houses, otherwise than they have been accustomed to be before the making of this act, and of all other repasters to be levied 12*d.* each person for any repast taken at any such dinner."

"Whereas some contentions have been between the two principals of Clifford's Inn and Clement's Inn for the superior room in this our House and elsewhere, it is thought good by the bench to appoint that both the said principals, with five others out of every of the said Houses, being the greatest ancients there, to have warning to be attendant upon the same bench on Midsummer day next to receive at the said bench such order and direction as shall seem good unto the said bench, upon their precedents perused for that purpose."

Order for Mr. Esmond to have a special admission for 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Order for Mr. George Ashbye to have a special admission for 3*li.* 10*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday, 27 June, 5 Elizabeth, A.D. 1563, before JOHN CARELL, RICHARD ONESLOWE, recorder of London, ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KEYLWAYE, WILLIAM POOLE, ROGER MANWOOD, MR. LONE, ROBERT WYTH, NICHOLAS PURSELOWE, and others. THOMAS GAWDY, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner in summer vacation next :— Mr. Gynes and Mr. Ralph Hare.

Order that the same rate of commons heretofore used shall continue till further order.

As touching the motion made on behalf of the gentlemen in the new buildings built by Mr. Fuller, as to certain nuisances there supposed to be in or near their chambers, it is ordered that those heretofore appointed shall survey the same and report to the parliament.

Order for the treasurer of this House to talk with the treasurer of the Middle Temple touching a pair of silver censers belonging to the Temple church, which Mr. Hone, late treasurer of the Middle Temple, took into his custody out of the same church. And also to talk with the treasurer of the Middle Temple for the stopping up of a certain door, made out of a chamber belonging to the Middle Temple, to go as well about "the roundel of the steeple as also unto the leads of the same church in every part thereof, and up into the steeple, by means whereof the lead there hath been perished, broken, and taken away, and herein upon his answer the bench to be certified."

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday, 23 April, 6 Elizabeth, A.D. 1564, before RICHARD ONSLOW, recorder of London, ROBERT KEYLWEYE, ROGER MANWODE, RICHARD LONE, ROBERT WYTH, THOMAS BROMBLEY, and others. THOMAS GAWDYE, treasurer.

Mr. Gell chosen reader for next vacation and reading time in this House, and answer be so made and sent to his letters. Mr. George Brombley, in the place of Mr. Allott, and Mr. Manwood are chosen attendants.

"The pensions of the House are assessed and agreed to be

made and levied, and taketh full course and effect as if no visitation of sickness had happened to the let of any term or commons keeping."

"Concerning wages and allowances to the officers of the House in this great long time of vacation and sickness, it is agreed that in respect of their attendances in such sort as the chambers of the House have been kept from spoil, that the old precedents for allowance in such cases shall be seen, and allowances in other Houses, and report thereof made to the bench, and thereupon allowance to be made as to the bench shall be thought meet in that behalf."

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday, 7 May, 6 Elizabeth, A.D. 1564, before JOHN CARELL, ANTHONY STAPILTON, ROBERT KEYLWEY, JAMES RYVET, ROGER MANWOODE, FRANCIS GAWDYE, RICHARD LONE, ROBERT WYTH, and others. THOMAS GAWDYE, treasurer.

Order that the master of the Temple for the time being, shall have from henceforth 18*d.* for eighteen offering days that were wont to be used; to be paid by every one of the fellows of this company, and levied by one of the masters of the Temple, his clerks or servants, in manner following, viz:—in Easter, Trinity, and Hilary terms, 4*d.* each, and in Michaelmas term, 6*d.* each.

Order that the old allowance to the officers, as well for wages as for commons, upon breaking up of the commons, shall be allowed, and they that watched shall have 3*s.* 4*d.* a week for their commons. And the officers that remained to be allowed the same for their commons.

Order that Sir John Fulford be discharged out of the House and his name struck and blotted out of all the books and records of this House at his own request.

Order that the steward for the time being, shall, from time to time, on Saturday at supper, bring a roll of all the names of such as have not paid their commons and duties to him for the week past, upon pain of 40*s.*; and those that are behind in their commons and duties to lose their chambers if they do not pay by Sunday at dinner. And as well the order concerning the losing of their chambers as all other orders for the steward's and other duties, to be straightly executed.

PARLIAMENT held on 14 May, 6 Elizabeth, A.D. 1564, before JOHN CARRELL, ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KELWAY, WILLIAM POOLLE, ROBERT WITHE, and others.

Whereas at the sessions in the parliament held on 7 May, 6 Elizabeth, A.D. 1564, there was an order touching the payment of commons and other duties, which, "because it was somewhat darkly penned, divers doubts and questions do rise" touching the right exposition thereof, it was therefore thought good for the explanation of the same that it be understood that if the fellows do not weekly pay their commons and duties on the Saturday next after the commons are cast, that then the penalty contained in the same order to extend to them; and if the steward does not weekly on Sunday night at supper time, show the names of such as have not then paid their said commons and duties, as also on Saturday before that, then the penalty contained in the said late act to be extended to him. "And further it is enacted that forasmuch as divers be cast in commons by reason that they are present in the town and not in commons here, that all such shall not incur the danger of that act so as they do pay their said commons and other duties unto the steward and other officers within one week after demand thereof made; and if such party of whom such demand shall be made, as is before said, hath not any chamber within this House, that then all and any such persons to forfeit 10*s.*, the same to be cast into the commons and to be levied as other duties of the House, etc."

Order that "if any fellow of this House shall, at any time after the first day of June next following, buy or sell any chamber, room, or other place within this House for any money, reward, or other gift, that then not only the seller but also the buyer thereof to lose their right and interest therein," and thereupon the treasurer may admit any other person therein. And if any collateral warranty, bonds, or other assurance be had between the same parties to the intents aforesaid, that then every person taking any such covenant, bonds, or other assurance shall upon due proof thereof had, be expelled out of the fellowship of the House.

It is ordered that the order touching the master of the Temple, made in the last parliament, shall remain in suspense until further conference be had between the ancients of both Houses. And

forasmuch as they have been moved therein and as yet will not assent to the same order, it is agreed that there be a meeting touching the same order one day next term.

Order for Mr. Covert, lately admitted, to have a special admission for 5 marks.

Order for Mr. Warreine to be admitted into the fellowship of the House for 40*s.* and to have a special admission for 5 marks. And touching the granting of the place of the Fine Office, it is referred to the treasurer to order.

Order for Mr. Russell to be admitted to commons paying 40*s.* for his absence at the grand Christmas and serving another vacation.

PARLIAMENT held on —— 6 Elizabeth, A.D. 1564, before JOHN CARELL, ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KEYLWEY, JAMES RYVET, ROBERT WYTHE, and others.

Pensions assessed at 2*s.*

Memorandum, to consider at the next parliament the abatement of commons in the vacation time.

Mr. Manwood elected reader for next Lent vacation, saving to Mr. Gell his ancienty if he shall fortune hereafter to read.

Mr. Francis Gawdye appointed attendant upon the reader in the place of Mr. Manwode and the other attendant before appointed to stand.

Note, to remind the treasurer about the repair of the kitchen chimney and ovens at his coming hither.

PARLIAMENT held on 29 October, 6 Elizabeth, A.D. 1564, before JOHN CARELL, ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KEYLWEYE, WILLIAM POOLE, JAMES RYVET, and THOMAS WYTHE. THOMAS GAWDYE being treasurer.

Order that the commons from henceforth shall be as formerly, viz. :—4*d.* less for masters' commons and 6*d.* less for the clerks' commons, in the vacation than in term time.

PARLIAMENT held on the morrow of All Souls, 6 Elizabeth, A.D. 1564, before JOHN CARELL, ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KEYLWEYE, JOHN FULLER, WILLIAM POLE, JAMES RYVET, THOMAS WYTHE, THOMAS BROMBLEY, and others. THOMAS GAWDYE being treasurer.

Governors :—Sir Richard Sackvyle, knight, Mr. Chydley, Mr. Carell, and Mr. Onslow, recorder.

Treasurer :—Mr. Pole.

As yet to remind the treasurer of the repair of the kitchen chimney and ovens.

Stewards for Christmas :—Mr. Mayne, Mr. Hungerford, and Mr. Fox.

Marshals :—Mr. Cheyney, Mr. Dutton, and Mr. John Mallett.

Butlers :—Mr. Grymez, Mr. Mynd, and Mr. Smythe, F.

Auditors for the steward :—Mr. Ryvett, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Whitehed, and Mr. Manser.

Auditors for the treasurer :—Mr. Manwode, Mr. Brombley, T., Mr. Hare, N., and Mr. Hare, R.

PARLIAMENT held on 20 December, 7 Elizabeth, A.D. 1564, before ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROGER MANWOODD, and others.

The stewards, marshals, and butlers, as appointed at the last parliament, were called and did not appear.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 January, 7 Elizabeth, A.D. 1564-5, before JOHN CARELL, ROBERT KEYLWEY, THOMAS WYTH, and others.

Allowance of 4*li.* to the company towards their charges at last Christmas.

The stewards chosen for last Christmas amerced 10*li.* each.

The marshals and butlers chosen for last Christmas amerced 5*li.* each.

Mr. Manwoodde elected reader for Lent vacation.

Attendants on the reader :— ———

Stewards of the reader's dinner:—Mr. R. Hare and Mr. Leyston.

Two keys to be made for the tower, the one to remain in the custody of the treasurer of this House and the other with the other House.

"Shooters with guns within this House to forfeit, videlicet, for every shot, the master 20*s.* and the man 10*s.*"

"If lackeys and laundresses shall not be avoided out of the House within one week, the old orders to be put in due execution."

"Every person from henceforth to be admitted fellow of this House (such as shall be of our own Houses of Chancery, certified by the treasurer or principal of the same, according to the order before taken, only except) shall pay for admittance 5*li.*"

PARLIAMENT held on 11 February, 7 Elizabeth, A.D. 1564-5, before JOHN CARELL, RICHARD ONSLOW, ANTHONY STAPYLTON, ROBERT KEYLWEY, GEORGE BROMLEY, ANTHONY GELL, ROGER MANWODDE, THOMAS GAWDY, the younger, RICHARD LONE, THOMAS WYTHE, and THOMAS BROMLEY. WILLIAM POLE being treasurer.

Day is given to the steward before Thursday next to bring four sureties to be bound in four several obligations of 400*li.* each, and himself in 100*li.* to discharge his receipts by reason of his office.

Mr. Glasiar and Mr. Dudley admitted to the corner chamber of Mr. Fuller's buildings, notwithstanding it is a bencher's chamber.

Admission of Mr. Whithorne for 40*s.*

Order that Mr. Gell shall be discharged his readings for 40 marks, whereof 20 marks are to be paid in hand, and the rest at Michaelmas.

Special admission of Mr. Mallet for 5*li.*

Order that Mr. Francis Denys, Mr. Erasmus Saunders and Mr. Edward Mychell may build over Mr. Manwoodde's chamber, and that none be admitted thereto without their consent so long as two continue in the said chamber.

A parliament to be held upon Thursday next.

PARLIAMENT held on 15 February, 7 Elizabeth, A.D. 1564-5, before JOHN CARELL, ANTHONY STAPILTON, ROBERT KEYLWEY, GEORGE BROMELEY, ROGER MANWOODDE, and others.

Order that in default of Gardener, the steward, his boy shall buy the provisions, and that the elder Bulkeley, the butler, shall collect the money due by the rolls.

PARLIAMENT held on 12 May, 7 Elizabeth, A.D. 1565, before JOHN CARELL, ANTHONY STAPILTON, ROBERT KEYLWEY, GEORGE BROMLEY, THOMAS WYTH, and others.

Pension assessed at *2s.*

Special admission of Francis Wolrye at the request of Mr. Manwodd, reader.

Special admission of Mr. Greneakre for *40s.*

PARLIAMENT held on 24 June, 7 Elizabeth, A.D. 1565, before RICHARD ONSLOW, recorder of London, ANTHONY STAPULTON, ROBERT KEYLWEY, GEORGE BROMLEY, ROGER MANWOODDE, and others.

Order that Mr. Fuller shall have warning to come and show matter for his discharge concerning Gardener's obligation, wherein he and other parties stood bound to discharge his charges.

PARLIAMENT held on 8 July, 7 Elizabeth, A.D. 1565, before RICHARD ONSLOW, recorder of London, ANTHONY STAPULTON, ROBERT KEYLWEY, GEORGE BROMLEY, ROGER MANWOD, THOMAS GAWDY, THOMAS WYTH, and others.

Reader for next summer vacation :—Mr. Wyth.

Attendants on the said reader :—Mr. Onslow, recorder of London, and Mr. Thomas Bromley.

Stewards of the reader's dinner :—Walter and Glaskok.

Order for every fellow to pay his commons, viz. :—half on Saturday "before his entry" and half on Wednesday before any repast. The roll to be subscribed with the treasurer's name, and in

his absence with the names of the sub-treasurer and most ancient of the bench or bar, before any commons shall be gathered thereby, and that on the same roll for every half week, one whole week shall be cast.

PARLIAMENT held on 14 October, 7 Elizabeth, A.D. 1565, before RICHARD ONSLOW, recorder of London, ANTHONY STAPULTON, GEORGE BROMLEY, ROGER MANWODDE, THOMAS GAUDYE, THOMAS WYTH, and others.

Pension assessed for this year at 2*s*.

Order that Thomas Esemond, gentleman, fellow of this House, shall be discharged from all offices, vacations, and Christmases, and be out of commons at his pleasure, not lying in the House, for a fine of 5 marks.

Order that Mr. Maryne, for not executing the office of steward of the reader's drinking this last learning vacation, shall pay 40*s*. for his contempt, and shall pay to the steward of the House such sums as were disbursed in the execution of the said office.

PARLIAMENT held on 21 October, 7 Elizabeth, A.D. 1565, before RICHARD ONSLOWE, recorder of London, JOHN CARELL, GEORGE BROMLEY, THOMAS GAWDY, THOMAS WYTH, and others.

"It is ordered that this next morrow, Mr. Recorder, Mr. Carell, and the treasurer shall commune with the ancient of the Middle Temple for the plucking down of a study newly erected by the 'jakes' in the Outer Garden; and that thereof warning may be given to the treasurer of that society."

PARLIAMENT held on the morrow of All Souls, 7 Elizabeth, A.D. 1565, before RICHARD ONSLOW, recorder of the City of London, JOHN CARELL, ANTHONY STAPULTON, ROBERT KEYLWEY, GEORGE BROMLEY, THOMAS WYTH, THOMAS BROMELEY, and others.

Governors:—Sir Richard Sakevyle, knight, Richard Onslow, Robert Chydley, and John Carell.

Auditors for the steward:—Mr. Gaudye, F., Mr. Loone, Mr. Maryet, and Mr. Thomson.

Auditors for the treasurer:—Mr. Bromeley, G., Mr. Wyth, Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Gynes.

Order that "the piece of the wall newly made about half a year past, in the Outer Garden, shall be plucked down again and lie open as it did before."

Reader for next Lent vacation:—Mr. Gaudy, F.

The election of officers for Christmas respited till next parliament.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 November, 8 Elizabeth, A.D. 1565, before GEORGE BROMELEY, FRANCIS GAUDY, and THOMAS WYTH.

The election of officers for Christmas is respited till next parliament.

Order that "the new study built upon our ground in the Outer Garden shall be plucked down to the ground."

PARLIAMENT held on 27 January, 8 Elizabeth, A.D. 1565-6, before JOHN CARELL, ANTHONY STAPYLTON, ROBERT KEYLWEY, THOMAS BROMLEY, BAYSSHE, ANTHONY GELL, THOMAS WYTH, and others.

Attendants on the reader for next vacation:—Mr. Onslow, recorder of London, and Mr. T. Bromeley.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Mr. Latton and Mr. Seth.

Admission of Charles Dymmok, gent., for 20*s.* and a buck, in consideration that Sir Edward Dymok, knight, is a fellow.

Order that "the utter barristers shall be stewards to the reader's dinner as they be in ancienty, by course."

Order for Sherbroke, the master butler, to be admitted a fellow without paying anything for the same, in consideration of his good services.

Order that "the gentlemen of the new buildings, called Mr. Fuller's Rents, shall have passage into Fleet Street through Ram Alley, so that they make a sufficient door to the same and cause it to be kept locked in such sort as it shall not at any time hereafter stand

open, whereby children, idle or vagabond persons shall have recourse into the garden, to the disquieting of any gentleman of the House, and also that the same door shall be nightly at all times from henceforth locked, so as no person shall go or come through the same after ten of the clock in the night or before five of the clock in the morning following. And further if disorder hereafter shall ensue by reason of having the said door, then it shall be dammed up at the costs and charges of the gentlemen abiding in the said new buildings upon commandment to them given."

Order for the admission of Charles Dymmoke, as set out before.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 February, 8 Elizabeth, A.D. 1565-6, before JOHN CARELL, ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KELWAY, RICHARD LONE, ROBERT WITH, and others.

Special admission of Edward Wilshere of Chardstock in the county of Dorset, gent., at the instance and request of Robert Withe, reader for autumn, 1565, and he is pardoned all offices, vacations, feasts of Christmas and all other charges (aids, pensions, and commons only excepted) and may be out of commons at his pleasure while not lying in the House of the Temple.

Special admission of George Smyth, gent., for a fine of 6*li.*, in like terms.

Special admission of Charles Browne, gent., for 5*li.*

Special admission of Robert Whyte, gent., for 5*li.*

Special admission of Oliver Godfrey, gent., for 5 marks.

Special admission of William Blakwall for 5 marks.

Special admission of Gabriel Whyte, gent., for 5 marks.

Order that a reasonable aid of 13*s.* 4*d.* shall be paid by every fellow of the society, viz.:—in Hilary term, 3*s.* 4*d.*; in Easter term, 3*s.* 4*d.*; in Trinity term, 3*s.* 4*d.*; and in Michaelmas term, 3*s.* 4*d.*

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday, 26 May, 8 Elizabeth, A.D. 1566, before ANTHONY STAPILTON, GEORGE BROMLEY, ROGER MANWOODDE, and FRANCIS GAUDY.

It is agreed to allow the company towards their charges at last Christmas, 4*li.*

PARLIAMENT held on 16 June, 8 Elizabeth, A.D. 1566, before ANTHONY STAPULTON, ROBERT KEYLWEY, GEORGE BROMLEY, RICHARD LONE, ROBERT WYTH, ANDERSON, GENES, and others.

Stewards for the reader's dinner next vacation:—Mr. Maryet and Mr. Floredew.

Order that "none of this company shall bring any repaster to the reader's drinking or dinner, the reader and stewards only excepted, upon pain of 10*s.* (the one half to the House and the other half to the stewards) and of being put out of commons."

PARLIAMENT held on 1 July, 8 Elizabeth, A.D. 1566, before ROBERT KEYLWEY, ROGER MANWODDE, THOMAS BROMELEY, BARNARD RANDOLF, GENES, and others.

Attendants upon the reader in the summer vacation:—Mr. Onslow and Mr. Anderson.

PARLIAMENT held on 13 October, 8 Elizabeth, A.D. 1566, before ANTHONY STAPULTON, GEORGE BROMLEY, ROGER MANWOODDE, RICHARD LONE, THOMAS WYTH, and others.

Pensions rated at 2*s.*

The choice of the two governors to fill the vacancies, respited till the next parliament.

The matter of Mr. Randolf's discharge and his fine referred to next parliament.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 October, 8 Elizabeth, A.D. 1566, before RICHARD ONSLOW, speaker of the parliament, THOMAS BROMLEY, recorder of London, ANTHONY STAPLETON, G. BROMLEY, and others.

Governors:—Mr. Onslow, Mr. Chydley, Mr. Stapulton, and Mr. Keylewaye.

Order that Mr. Barnard Randolf shall be of the bench and discharged of readings and learnings, and that his son, Mr. John Randolf, shall be specially admitted in as large and ample a manner as any

fellow has been before. In consideration whereof, besides other great charges and burdens of the House to the great benefit thereof, the said Mr. Barnard Randolf has paid to the use of the House 8*li.*

PARLIAMENT held on the morrow of All Souls, 8 Elizabeth, A.D. 1566, before RICHARD ONSLOW, speaker of the parliament, ROBERT KEYLWEY, THOMAS WYTH, and others.

The election of reader is respited till next parliament.

Auditors for the steward:—Mr. Thomas Bromeley, Mr. Gynes, Mr. Hare, N., and Mr. Onslow.

Auditors to the treasurer:—Mr. Manwoodde, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Latton, and Mr. Floredew.

Treasurer:—Mr. Ryvet.

PARLIAMENT held on 24 November, 9 Elizabeth, A.D. 1566, before RICHARD ONSLOW, speaker of parliament, ANTHONY STAPULTON, GEORGE BROMELEY, FRANCIS GAUDY, and others.

Order that Mr. Onslow, speaker of the parliament, by reason of his office shall be discharged his second reading, and that all speakers from henceforth shall be in like case.

Reader for Lent next:—Mr. Anderson.

Attendants on the reader:—Mr. George Bromeley and Mr. Geynes.

Special admission[1] of John Bourne for a fine of 6*li.* 13*s.* 6*d.*

Order that the old treasurer shall execute his office as before, till Mr. Ryvet shall take it upon him.

Order that such gentlemen of the Inns of Chancery belonging to this House shall from henceforth pay at their admission 20*s.*

Admission of Mr. Pygot for 40*s.*, and the rest is pardoned.

Order that the gardener shall have 12*d.* weekly for exercising the office of beadle.

[1] The terms of the special admissions are, when set out in the Acts of Parliament, generally the same, viz.:—that the person admitted is pardoned all offices, vacations, feasts of Christmas, and all charges whatsoever (aids, pensions, and commons only excepted), and may be out of commons at his will, so that he does not lie in the House of the Temple—unless, therefore, there is any alteration, the terms of the special admissions will not be set out.

PARLIAMENT held on 20 December, 9 Elizabeth, A.D. 1566, before EDMUND ANDERSON, RICHARD GENES, and THOMAS MARYET.

Stewards who being severally called, made default:—Sir William Snede, knight, Sir Thomas Pakyngton, knight, and Mr. Barret.

Marshals who being severally called, did not appear:—Mr. Clere, Mr. Cheyney, and Mr. Dutton.

Mr. Fyssher, the butler, being called, did not appear.

Mr. Fanshaw and Mr. Mynne appeared, and for their discharge showed their special admissions.

PARLIAMENT held on 26 January, 9 Elizabeth, A.D. 1566-7, before ANTHONY STAPYLTON, ROBERT KEYLWAY, GEORGE BROMLEY, ROGER MANWOODDE, RICHARD LONE, THOMAS BROMELEY, and others.

The stewards for their default amerced 10*li.* each. *Entry crossed out.*

The marshals for their default amerced 5*li.* each. *Entry crossed out.*

Mr. Fysher, butler, for his default amerced 5*li.*

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Mr. Rysden and Mr. Thomson.

PARLIAMENT held on 9 February, 9 Elizabeth, A.D. 1566-7, before ANTHONY STAPULTON and GEORGE BROMELEY.

It is agreed that from henceforth that no one shall be called to the outer bar except only by parliament, in the term time, and not otherwise.

Special admission of Edward Willyams, gent., at the instance of Mr. Anderson, reader for next Lent vacation.

PARLIAMENT held on 20 April, 9 Elizabeth, A.D. 1567, before ROBERT KEYLWEY, GEORGE BROMELEY, ROGER MANWOODDE, and others.

Pensions taxed at 4*s*.

There is allowed to the society in aid of their expenses for last Christmas, 4*li*.

Reader for next autumn vacation :—Mr. Anderson.

Attendants upon the reader :—Mr. George Bromeley and Mr. Geynes.

"Mr. Grey is remitted to his old chamber, and Mr. Estwode in such estate therein as before Mr. Grey's admittance into Mr. Baysshe's chamber."

Order that "the pullers down of the pale near Mr. Dysterz garden to set up the pale in as good estate as before the feast of Pentecost, upon pain to be expulsed of the House, they to take upon them the knowledge of this ordinance at their perils."

PARLIAMENT held on 11 May, 9 Elizabeth, A.D. 1567, before ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KEYLWEY, FRANCIS GAWDY, RICHARD LONE, THOMAS WYTH, and others.

Stewards for the reader's dinner :—Mr. Rysden and Mr. Thomson.

PARLIAMENT held on 1 June, 9 Elizabeth, A.D. 1567.

No entries.

PARLIAMENT held on 8 June, 9 Elizabeth, A.D. 1567, before RICHARD ONSLOW, solicitor to the Queen, ROBERT CHYDLEY, ANTHONY STAPULTON, ROBERT KEYLWEY, G. BROMLEY, and others.

The matter between the treasurer and Mr. Wyth is respited till the next Parliament.

The matter between Mr. Recorder of London and Mr. Mallery likewise respited.

Order[1] that if any fellow shall from henceforth be put out of commons for any cause other than for not paying his commons, he shall not be received again into commons, except by Parliament, unless he shall be put out in the mean vacation next before the reading, or in time of reading, and then he shall be received back by the reader and two of the bench, or by parliament.

PARLIAMENT held on 15 June, 9 Elizabeth, A.D. 1567, before RICHARD ONSLOW, solicitor of the Queen, ROBERT CHYDLEY, ANTHONY STAPULTON, ROBERT KEYLWEY, G. BROMELEY, and others.

Order that Mr. Onslow, the Queen's solicitor, shall enjoy all such rooms in his chamber as were used with the same in Mr. Pakyngton's time, and now used by others.

Order that the several admittances of Mr. F. Gawdy and Mr. T. Bromeley into their chambers, shall be held as good as though they had been benchers at the time of such admittances.

Mr. Mallery dismissed out of this company.

The admittance of Mr. Wyth to the chamber late of Mr. Francis Gaudy, by the under-treasurer, to be void.

PARLIAMENT held on 12 October [A.D 1567] before RICHARD ONSLOW, the Queen's solicitor, ANTHONY STAPULTON, ROBERT KEYLWEY, GEORGE BROMELEY, THOMAS GAUDY, and others.

Pensions taxed at *2s.*

Reader for Lent vacation :—Mr. Gynes.

Attendants :—Mr. Bromeley, G., and Mr. Maryet.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 9 Elizabeth, A.D. 1567, before ANTHONY STAPULTON, ROBERT KEYLWEY, GEORGE BROMELEY, F. GAUDY, THOMAS BROMELEY, THOMAS WYTH, and others.

Mr. Hugh Hollyngeshed is appointed to be an utter barrister.

Treasurer :—Mr. George Bromley.

Order that the "nuisance" made by Woddye by building his

[1] Marginal note in MS. : Vide postea 22 die Maii, anno 11 Elizabethæ Reginæ.

house in the Outer Garden shall be abated and plucked down, or as much thereof as is upon the Temple ground.[1]

Auditors for the steward:—Mr. Gaudy, Mr. Randall, Mr. Whythed, and Mr. Brabroke.

Auditors for the treasurer:—Mr. Wyth, Mr. Maryet, Mr. Wyat, and Mr. Lottysham.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 November, 10 Elizabeth, A.D. 1567, before ROBERT KEYLWAY, WILLIAM POLE, ROBERT WITH, EDMUND ANDERSON, and THOMAS MARYOTT.

Order that if any fellow be indebted for commons, or any other ordinary duties of the House to the sum of 40*s.* or above, and the same be unpaid by the space of three months, that then the next ancient of the chamber of any such being in arrear, shall have the preferment of his room in the chamber upon paying his debt, and in default of the next ancient, then the next unto him, and so in order, all that be in the chamber upon payment of the debt, shall have the room of ancienty in that chamber of him that shall be so in arrear, and in default of payment by those that be of the same chamber, then any gentleman of the House, first paying the said debt, shall have the room of ancienty in that chamber of him so in arrear.

Re-admittance into the fellowship of Mr. Pollarde for a fine of 20*s.*

Order that Mr. Hare's admittance into Mr. Ryvett's chamber should be according to a writing thereof, subscribed by Mr. Ryvett, which it is agreed shall be entered in the Parliament Book, there to remain and be of force as an act of parliament.

Stewards:—Browne, the elder, Baker, R., and Sir Henry Darcy.

Marshals:—Brocas, Cupper, J., and Chaffin.

Butlers:—Broxholme, Dyon, and Eryngton.

Order that Mr. Nicholas Hare, being a fellow of this House, shall be admitted into the chamber of Mr. James Ryvett, bencher. "And for that the same Nicholas intendeth to build a new chamber with divers rooms in the place where the chamber of the aforesaid

[1] In a marginal note it is stated: "The jettinge over of the building of Wooddy in the corner in the Utter Gardein to be pulled downe."

James now standeth, for that the said chamber at this present is in utter ruin and decay, in consideration of the great charges that he is to sustain in and about the aforesaid building, it is further granted unto the said Nicholas that he shall have and enjoy solely to himself during his life the aforesaid chamber being new builded, together with all such rooms and buildings as shall be by the said Nicholas builded or made in or upon the place in which the said old chamber now standeth." And that all admittances hereafter to the said chamber, made without the assent of the said Nicholas, shall be utterly void. And further it is enacted that Mr. Ralph Hare, a fellow of this House and brother of the said Nicholas, shall, after the decease of the aforesaid Nicholas, have and enjoy solely to himself during his life all the aforesaid chambers and rooms, and that all admittances thereto then made without the assent of the said Ralph, shall be void. And it is also further enacted that one Hugh Hare, a fellow of this House and brother of the said Nicholas, after the decease of the aforesaid Nicholas and Ralph, shall during his life enjoy solely to himself all the aforesaid chambers and rooms, and that all admittances thereto then made without the assent of the said Hugh, shall be void. And further it is enacted that the said Nicholas shall have solely to himself during the life of the aforesaid James the chamber in which the said Nicholas now lieth, and no one shall be admitted to the same without his assent. And it is further enacted that the cellar underneath the chamber in which the said Nicholas now lieth, shall be annexed unto the chamber which shall be built by the said Nicholas and shall be for ever belonging to the same and to none other, provided always that when and as often as the aforesaid James Ryvett shall be disposed to tarry or continue within this House, that then the aforesaid Nicholas shall give place to him so that the said James may have to himself, during his continuance here, the chamber in the middle story as he has heretofore done, and also shall have convenient chamber room for two of his servants in the uppermost or nethermost chamber, by the assignment of the said Nicholas, when and as often and by so long time as the said James shall here continue in this House, provided also that if one Thomas Ryvett, son and heir of the aforesaid James Ryvett, shall hereafter be admitted unto this House, that then the said Thomas shall during the life of the said James be admitted into the aforesaid

chamber and rooms, and after the decease of the said James, the said Thomas shall have during his life the nethermost chamber in which the said Nicholas now lieth, and that his admittance into the aforesaid chamber or rooms from thenceforth shall be utterly void anything in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

PARLIAMENT held on 21 December, 10 Elizabeth, A.D. 1567, before ANTHONY STAPLETON, RICHARD LONE, and others. GEORGE BROMLEY, treasurer.

The stewards, as before elected, on being called did not appear.
The marshals, as before elected, on being called did not appear.
The butlers, as before elected, on being called did not appear.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 January, 10 Elizabeth, A.D. 1567-8, before ROBERT KEYLWEY, WILLIAM POOLE, ROBERT WYTHE, BARNARD RANDOLPH, and others. GEORGE BROMLE, treasurer.

Each of the stewards as before elected, amerced 5*li.* for not exercising their office at Christmas.

Each of the marshals, as before elected, amerced 5*li.* for not exercising their office at Christmas.

Each of the butlers, as before elected, amerced 5*li.* for not exercising their office at Christmas.

Allowance of 4*li.* made to the fellowship towards the charges of last Christmas.

Stewards for the reader's dinner :—Mr. Hollenshed, H., and Mr. Bawde, T.

Order for the admission of Thomas Brownell, late butler of this House, without payment in consideration of his services to the House.

PARLIAMENT held on 8 February, 10 Elizabeth, A.D. 1567-8, before ROBERT KEILWEY, RICHARD LONE, ROBERT WYTH, and others.

Order that Mr. Thelwall, Mr. Hurleston, Mr. Owen, Mr. Babb, Mr. Beaumount, F., Mr. Perkins, Mr. Goodyere, and Mr. Southe shall be utter barristers.

Licence given to Edward Williams, gentleman, to build a chamber of such rooms as he shall consider proper, near Mr. Dudley's and Mr. Glassier's chamber in the new building, in such place there as he shall think good, without admittance to any other chamber. And in consideration that the said Edward is contented to build the chamber at his own costs and charges, it is ordered that the said Edward shall enjoy the said chamber during his natural life, and that no one shall be admitted to the same during that time without his consent.

Mr. Sancky appointed deputy to read for Mr. Wiott, G., at Lion's Inn, next vacation.

PARLIAMENT held on 9 May, 10 Elizabeth, A.D. 1568, before ANTHONY STAPYLTON, ROBERT KELWAY, RICHARD LONE, THOMAS BROMLEY, and others. GEORGE BROMLEY being treasurer and MR. FLOWRDEWE deputy.

Pensions taxed at 2*s*.

Reader for the autumn vacation :—Mr. Maryett.

Attendants upon the reader :—Mr. George Bromley, treasurer, and Mr. Flowrdewe.

Matters concerning apparels and the state of the House deferred till the treasurer be present.

PARLIAMENT held on 30 May, 10 Elizabeth, A.D. 1568, before ANTHONY STAPYLTON, ROBERT KELWAY, WILLIAM POLE, and others.

Order that "the annoyance" built upon the leads above Mr. Gynes' chamber, and the study built by Mr. Kyrton, be viewed by Mr. Wyott, G., and Mr. Bullock.

Mr. Clerke's re-admission referred to the bench.

Confirmation of the special admission of Mr. Ive by Mr. Gynes, late reader.

Stewards for the reader's dinner :—Mr. Bryan Parker and Mr. Andrew Graye.

Special admission of John Ive of London, gentleman, at the instance of Robert Gynes, reader in Lent, 1568.

PARLIAMENT held on 20 June, 10 Elizabeth, A.D. 1568, before ANTHONY STAPYLTON, ROBERT KELWAY, WILLIAM POLE, RICHARD LONE, and others.

Admission of Mr. Hurleston's brother for 3*li.*, the residue being pardoned by order.

Order that every gentleman being indebted to the House shall be warned to pay his debts; and the same warning being testified to in the term time, if he does not pay the same debt within six weeks after the warning, so testified, he shall lose his chamber, and the next ancient in his chamber, upon paying the duties, to have his ancienty in his chamber, and so every one in that chamber to have the preferment as they be in ancienty, if the next ancient will not make payment. And in default of those who be of the chamber, then any other gentleman of the House who will pay the duties to have the like preferment.

Order that from henceforth every one admitted to an upper chamber in this House shall pay 20*s.* and to every nether chamber 10*s.* for his admittance.

PARLIAMENT held on 4 July, 10 Elizabeth A.D. 1568, before RICHARD ONSLOWE, the Queen's solicitor, ANTHONY STAPYLTON, ROBERT KELWAYE, WILLIAM POLE, RICHARD LONE, FRANCIS GAWDYE, ROBERT WYTHE, and others.

Order that Mr. Latton shall take his place at the bench on the morrow of All Souls next, or before that date, or else pay for his fine 40*li.*

Order "that every one now being of the outer bar and which hath been appointed and come to the said bar within these four years last past, shall have liberty to forsake that place at any time during Michaelmas term next. And upon his so forsaking signified to the bench, he from thenceforth to be no utter barrister, nor so reputed. And that from and after the end of the said term, everyone that shall be called to the bench in this House, shall take the same upon him and read, or else to pay 40*li.* for his fine at the least. *Salvo jure*, etc."

The following gentlemen called to the bench, and every one of them shall take his place on or before the first day of Michaelmas term next:—John Tremayne, Edward Lawton, Leson Pryce, John Pryce, Henry Sheth, John Glascocke, Thomas Lucas, Brian Parker, John Fittz, Edmund Walter, Richard Baker, and Richard Thomson.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 October, 10 Elizabeth, A.D. 1568, before RICHARD ONSLOWE, the Queen's solicitor, ANTHONY STAPYLTON, ROBERT KELWAY, WILLIAM POLE, and others.

Pension roll assessed at *2s.*

Mr. Flowrdewe fined *5li.* because he was absent after being chosen an attendant at the late reading.

It is agreed that the act made at the parliament held on 20 June, 1568, concerning notice to be given to such fellows as shall be indebted to the House, shall be understood to be that the same notice shall be by proclamation to be made in the hall three several days in term time in three several weeks, and at the time of dinner, and the same to be done in one term if it may be, if not, the proclamations wanting, to be made in the term next following, and after the last proclamation payment shall be made within three months, or else forfeiture, according to the effect of the said act.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 10 Elizabeth, A.D. 1568, before WILLIAM POLE, THOMAS BROMLEY, ROBERT WYTHE, FRANCIS GAWDY, EDMUND ANDERSON, ROBERT GYNES, THOMAS MARYOTT, and others.

Mr. George Bromley is chosen reader for next Lent vacation, and also again chosen treasurer for the year ensuing.

Attendants:—Mr. Gawdye, F., and Mr. Flowrdewe.

The appointment of the officers for the grand Christmas deferred till next parliament.

Auditors for the steward's account:—Mr. Lone, Mr. Gynes, Mr. N. Hare, and Mr. Halton.

Auditors for the treasurer:—Mr. Flowrdewe, Mr. Ryseden, Mr. Ivye, and Mr. Sanckye.

PARLIAMENT held on 21 November, 11 Elizabeth, A.D. 1568, before RICHARD ONSLOWE, the Queen's solicitor, ROBERT KELWAYE, WILLIAM POLE, THOMAS BROMLEY, RICHARD LONE, and others.

Special admission of Richard Newbolde of the town of Nottingham, gentleman, at the instance of Thomas Maryott, reader for the autumn, 1568.

Respite given to Mr. John Fyttz to determine his resolute answer till the morrow of the Purification, 1569 [-70], if he will take his place at the bench or not, nevertheless he may come to take his place at any time before that time, if he will; howbeit, if he come not on that day nor before, then it is ordered that the act made concerning the amercements and fines for such as be called and come not, shall be extended and take place against the said John Fittz for such forfeiture as by the said act is appointed; and further, that whosoever shall read before the said day shall be called and take his place at the bench and have ancienty of the said John Fyttz.

Mr. Ralph Hare discharged from coming to the bench at any time hereafter for a fine of 40*li.*

Order that Mr. Latton may forsake the bar if he list, at this Michaelmas term, and if he does not, then he shall pay 20*li.* for his fine, and be discharged from the bench.

Mr. Walter respited till Trinity term, 1569, after which further order shall be taken concerning him.

Order that Mr. Thomson shall pay 20*li.* for his fine, and be discharged from serving on the bench.

Mr. Glascocke likewise discharged from serving on the bench for a fine of 10*li.*, and he shall have the like freedom and exemption as Mr. Latton and Mr. Ralph Hare have.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 November, 11 Elizabeth, A.D. 1568, before ROBERT KELWAYE, WILLIAM POLE, THOMAS BROMLEY, RICHARD LONE, FRANCIS GAWDYE, and others.

Memorandum, that day is given to Mr. Leyson Pryce to make answer in next Hilary term whether he will take his place at the

bench according as he is called, and in default of answer at that time the bench to take order for his fine.

Order that Mr. Thomas Latton, lately called to the bench, shall be from henceforth free and discharged from his readings and keeping of all other learnings in the House, and also from all manner of offices, elections, fines for Christmas, and all other charges and duties whatsoever (commons, pensions, aid rolls, and church rolls, only excepted). And the said Thomas shall be remitted to the bar, and there continue in his ancienty discharged as aforesaid. For all which the same Thomas shall pay to the treasurer 20*li.*, that is to say, 10*li.* before 20 May next, and 10*li.* before 20 October next.

Similar order for Mr. Ralph Hare, lately called to the bench. And he shall pay to the treasurer 40*li.*, that is to say, 20*li.* on 20 May, and 20*li.* on 20 October.

Order that the panierman shall have allowance of 12*d.* a week for hiring some one to help him to carry home the victuals.

Mr. Mydleton re-admitted upon paying 40*s.*

Special admission of William Pereson of London, gentleman, in consideration of 4*li.* paid to the treasurer.

Parliament held on 30 January, 11 Elizabeth, A.D. 1568-9, before Anthony Stapylton, Robert Kelwaye, William Pole, Robert Wythe, and others.

Allowance of 4*li.* to the fellowship towards the expenses at Christmas last.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Mr. Halton and Mr. Ivye.

Memorandum, that Mr. Francis Cheynye was admitted upon paying but 4*li.*, whereas by order he ought to have paid 5*li.*, not being a member of any of our own Houses of Chancery. And this pardoning of part of the duty for admission not to be taken as an example to encourage others to make the like suit.

PARLIAMENT held on 1 May, 11 Elizabeth, A.D. 1569, before RICHARD ONSLOWE, THOMAS BROMLEY, ANTHONY STAPYLTON, ROBERT KELWAY, FRANCIS GAWDYE, and others.

Pensions assessed at the old rate of *2s.*

Reader for next autumn vacation :—Mr. Flowrdewe.

Attendants :—Gawdye, F., and Ryseden, T.

Admittance of Mr. George Bromley, treasurer, to the chamber where Mr. Wythe lieth, and of Mr. Wythe to the chamber where the said Mr. Bromley lieth, and of Mr. Randal to the chamber where Mr. Carrell lately was, without paying anything for the same.

Mr. Raume of "Furnyfalles Inne" licensed to be of this House, paying but 53*s.* 4*d.* for his admission.

Letter dated at Westminster,[1] 20 May, 1569, from Sir Nicholas Bacon, the Earl of Northampton, the Earl of Pembroke, the Earl of Bedford, the Earl of Leicester, Lord Clinton, Lord Howard, Sir F. Knollys, Sir W. Cecil, and Sir R. Sadler, lords of the Council, to the ancients and benchers of the Inner Temple :—"Whereas of late time knowledge hath been given to us of her Majesty's council, and the same also manifestly and orderly declared this day in the Star Chamber at Westminster, being there accompanied with the most reverend father in God, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and other bishops of the realm, and certain of her Majesty's justices and others of her learned council, that these persons hereafter named, that is to say, Thomas Bawd, Robert Atchinson, Arden Waferer, Thomas Grenewoode, and Andrew Greye, being fellows of the Inner Temple, have of long time misused themselves in contempt of the laws of the realm and contrary to the laws ecclesiastical, partly in not resorting to the church or other place of common prayers at accustomed time, partly in not receiving the blessed communion at time convenient, but contrarywise using other rites and services which are by the laws of the realm specially prohibited, and in these disorders have lived and con-

[1] Only the latter part of this letter appears in the volume of Acts of Parliament of the Inner Temple, the beginning is taken from a copy in the Petyt MSS. (No. 538, vol. 47, p. 47). The letter appears to have been dealt with at a parliament held on 22 May, 1569, the proceedings at which have been torn out of the volume of Acts of Parliament. See footnote on p. 255.

tinued so long time to the evil example of others in their society, we upon good deliberation ordained and decreed, and by these presents do ordain and decree in the Queen's Majesty's name, that every of the said persons shall immediately, for these their former long and manifest contempts and offences, be excluded out of commons in that House, and shall forbear to give any counsel in the law to any the Queen's Majesty's subjects as appertaineth to a counsellor or any minister in the law, or to resort to any bar or place of justice there to plead by plaint, defence, or demand in any suit or cause belonging to the law, other than for themselves if they shall be by ordinary process thereto called. And that they and every of them shall obey this order until they shall by God's goodness reconcile themselves and amend these their defaults, which is a thing more desired than any punishment of them, and the same their reconciliation to be testified by the Bishop of London, their ordinary, whereupon they shall be received again into commons and allowed to give counsel and plead to all purposes as before this order they might have done; and otherwise upon continuance in their obstinacy to be utterly excluded for ever from the said society, with such farther punishment as thereto shall belong. And where also like knowledge is given that these persons Lewes, Pollard, and John Gray, being fellows also of that House, were sent for to appear before the aforesaid Bishop of London and other the Queen's Majesty's commissioners for causes ecclesiastical, to answer to certain things whereof they are publicly noted to be culpable, as the former be, and rather in greater fault, and have absented themselves, as it is informed, wilfully. It is likewise ordered and decreed that if the said persons will not before the 25th day of June next, appear before the said bishop and commissioners, there to answer to such things as shall be objected against them, that then and from that day they shall be excluded out of the society of that House and shall not enjoy any benefit as a fellow there, but shall also forbear from giving any advice as a counsellor in the law or from pleading, in like sort as the former, and so to continue until by the aforesaid ordinary they shall be reconciled, as above is said. Furthermore to avoid the increase of these contempts in that House, we have thought meet and so we do by these presents command and charge you to whom the same may appertain, that no person of your society being commonly and notoriously known or vehemently sus-

pected to mislike of the rites and orders established in this realm for religion, be called or allowed from henceforth to come to any degree in that House until the same have sufficiently purged himself of the said suspicion. And to the intent this our order and decree may be duly executed, we will and straightly command you with all convenient speed, openly in the accustomed place of your assembly, to notify the same not only to the parties above named, but also the others being absent and to all others of that fellowship, to the end they may thereof take knowledge and avoid all occasions of offence in the like on their own part, or otherwise they must look to be ordered according to their deserts."

PARLIAMENT held on 12 June, 11 Elizabeth, A.D. 1569, before RICHARD ONSLOWE, ROBERT KEYLWEY, WILLIAM POOLE, and others. GEORGE BROMLEY, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Mr. Hurleston, the elder, and Mr. Pagrave.

Mr. Leighton, Mr. Hurleston, the elder, Mr. Halton and Mr. Pagrave called to the bench.

PARLIAMENT held on 26 June, 11 Elizabeth, A.D. 1569, before RICHARD ONSLOWE, ROBERT KEYLWEY, WILLIAM POOLE, and others.

It is agreed and explained that if any gentleman of this House do win ancienty or admittance into any chamber by payment of so much money as is due to the House by any other gentleman of the House, according to the purport of two former acts in that behalf made at two several parliaments held on 20 June, 10 Elizabeth, and 10 October, 10 Elizabeth [A.D. 1568], that the said former acts shall be understood thus, that nevertheless the party who oweth the money shall not be discharged of the debt, but the money so paid for chambers shall go in advantage of the House, and a special roll thereof to be made, and the same to be accounted for as other rolls and duties of the House.

It is agreed that Mr. Rowland Hynde be remitted without paying

the fine of 40*s.*, limited by the act of parliament made on 22 May, 11 Elizabeth [A.D. 1569],[1] for that the offence for which he was put out was before the same act, albeit that his putting out was after.

PARLIAMENT held on 29 January, 12 Elizabeth, A.D. 1569-70, before RICHARD ONSLOWE, ANTHONY STAPYLTON, ROBERT KELWAY, WILLIAM POLE, RICHARD LONE, ROBERT WYTH, FRANCIS GAWDYE, and others. BROMLEY, G., treasurer.

Pensions assessed at the accustomed rate of 2*s.*

Mr. Fittz given till Ascension day to make answer whether he will take his place at the bench.

Allowance of 3*s.* 4*d.* a week each made to the butlers, viz.:— Blakewall, Rygbye, and Wynnyngton, and to the under-cooks and panierman, who attended [the Christmas vacation].

Allowance, according to precedent, of 4*li.* to those that kept commons last Christmas.

Mr. Hynde's suit referred to the bench table.

Special admission to be granted to Mr. Paul Tracye for 5*li.*, and 20*s.* for his coming to the House, as others coming out of our Houses of Chancery do ordinarily pay.

Special admission of Paul Tracye, gentleman, for 6*li.*, and he is pardoned all offices, vacations, feasts of Christmas, and other charges (aids, pensions, and commons excepted), and may be out of commons at his pleasure.

The suit of Seywell touching his service to be done in the buttery, referred to the bench.

PARLIAMENT held on 12 February, 12 Elizabeth, A.D. 1569-70, before ROBERT KELWAY, WILLIAM POLE, RICHARD LONE, ROBERT WYTHE, and others.

Order that at the latter end of this week the commons be broken up, and the butlers and under-cooks who tarry in the city, shall have

[1] Marginal note: "This parliament of 22 May is torn out of the book." Where the proceedings of this parliament should appear a leaf of the volume of Acts of Parliament has been torn out.

allowance as shall be thought meet by the bench, and according to the service performed to the members remaining in the House, and for the better keeping of the chambers in the same House from spoil.

PARLIAMENT held on 16 April, 12 Elizabeth, A.D. 1570, before THOMAS BROMLEY, ROBERT KEYLWAY, ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT WETHE, and others. BROMLEY, G., treasurer.

Pension assessed as accustomed at 2*s*.

Reader for the summer vacation:—Mr. Ryseden.

Attendants:—Mr. Gawdye, F., and Mr. Walter.

"Mr. Marshe is remitted, paying the duties of the House, and for the fine of 40*s*. due to be paid for his offence, he must lay it down at the benchers' table and stand to the courtesy of the bench for the same."

Admittance of Mr. Edward Carell to the chamber late Mr. Underhill's, notwithstanding it is a bencher's chamber.

Special admission of John Croke, the younger, of Chilton, in the county of Bucks, gent., at the instance of Edward Flowerdewe, reader in the autumn of 1569. And he is admitted into Mr. Keylwaye's chamber, notwithstanding it is a bencher's chamber.

Allowance of 3*s*. 4*d*. a week each made to the butlers, viz.:—Blackwall, Richard Buckeley, Rigby, and Wynington,—to the two under-cooks and the panierman.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 May, 12 Elizabeth, A.D. 1570, before ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KEYLWAY, ROBERT WYTHE, and others.

Order that Mr. John Fitz, lately called to the bench, shall be from henceforth free from his readings and the keeping of all other learnings in the House, and all offices, elections, fines for Christmas, and other charges and duties (commons, pensions, aid rolls, and church rolls only excepted) and shall be remitted to the bar and there continue in his ancienty. In consideration whereof he shall pay to the treasurer 20*li*.

Admittance *de novo* of Mr. Alexander Whitehed to the chamber

he now has with the like ancienty and standing therein as he heretofore had, notwithstanding it is a bencher's chamber.

Special admission granted to Mr. Ro. Blackwall, late chief butler, upon his petition.

"Allowance for this last time when the commons broke up because of the plague, is granted to the master cook after the rate of 3*s.* 4*d.* by the week, in consideration that he hath served in the House the said mean time."

PARLIAMENT held on 28 May, 12 Elizabeth, A.D. 1570, before RICHARD ONSLOWE, ROBERT KEYLWAY, WILLIAM POOLE, FRANCIS GAWDY, RICHARD LONE, and others. GEORGE BROMLEY, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner for the next vacation :—Mr. George Wyott and Mr. Yate.

PARLIAMENT held on 11 June, 12 Elizabeth, A.D. 1570, before RICHARD ONSLOWE, ROBERT KEYLWAVE, RICHARD LONE, and others. GEORGE BROMLEY, treasurer.

It is granted that Mr. Archer shall have the next "avoidance" of the butlership within this House, that is, when a vacancy occurs he shall come in as puisne butler and continue so during his good behaviour, but as for any aid or allowance of commons within the House in the mean time, it is not thought convenient to be granted.

Order that "all they which hereafter shall be called to be utter barristers, shall every one of them in their order moot out one whole case, divided in points, according to the usage of this House, when his turn shall come next after his said calling according to his ancienty in his calling, and that every such utter barrister shall continue four grand vacations and eight mean, next after his said calling, unless there be some urgent necessity in that behalf, by occasion whereof if he shall fail in keeping any the vacations aforesaid, then he to keep other vacations instead thereof, upon pain for every such offence to pay 40*s.* and nevertheless to keep another vacation for that he shall so lose."

PARLIAMENT held on 2 November, 12 Elizabeth, A.D. 1570, before RICHARD ONSLOWE, THOMAS BROMLEY, ROBERT KEYLWAY, WILLIAM POOLE, FRANCIS GAWDY, and others. GEORGE BROMLEY, treasurer.

Auditors for the steward's account:—Mr. Poole, Mr. Lone, Mr. Hurleston, and Mr. Browne.

Auditors for the treasurer's account:—Mr. Mariott, Mr. Halton, Mr. Wyott, and Mr. Smyth.

Pension assessed at *2s.*

Reader for Lent vacation next:—Mr. Francis Gawdye.

Attendants on the reader:—Mr. Wythe and Mr. Risden.

Order that Mr. Sandes, clerk of the Crown, be permitted to have the room wherein the Crown Office is now kept, during the pleasure of the bench, at the yearly rent of *26s. 8d.*

John Rigby admitted to the interest of a butler's place when a vacancy occurs, in the place of Archer, who has conveyed his interest to him by a deed to which Mr. Bullocke is witness.

Mr. Francis Gawdy chosen treasurer.

PARLIAMENT held on 5 November, 12 Elizabeth, A.D. 1570, before THOMAS BROMLEY, ROBERT KEYLWAY, WILLIAM POOLE, GEORGE BROMLEY, and others. FRANCIS GAWDY, treasurer.

Order that Samuel Lone, son of Mr. Richard Lone of the bench, shall have a special admission without paying anything for it.

Special admission of Samuel Lone, son of Richard Lone, of Sevenoaks in the county of Kent.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 January, 13 Elizabeth, A.D. 1570-1, before RICHARD ONSLOWE, THOMAS BROMLEY, ROBERT KEYLWEY, ANTHONY STAPLETON, and others. FRANCIS GAWDY, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner for next vacation:—Mr. George Wyot and Mr. Yate.

Allowance of *4li.* to the company for Christmas last.

The following persons called to be utter barristers:—Bydell, Robert, Assheby, F., Gale, Bassett, Cook, W., the elder, Smaleman, Hughes, Dolman, Williams, Reg., Beamount, H., Wettenhall, Morgan, G., Cowper, John, Mitchell, and Waterhouse.

PARLIAMENT held on 11 February, 13 Elizabeth, A.D. 1570-1, before ROBERT KEYLWEY, GEORGE BROMLEY, RICHARD LONE, ROBERT GYNES, and others. FRANCIS GAWDY, treasurer.

Special admission of John Wassheborne of Wichenford in the county of Worcester, gent., for 4*li.* paid to the use of the House.

PARLIAMENT held on 6 May, 13 Elizabeth, A.D. 1571, before ROBERT KEYLWEY, GEORGE BROMLEY, RICHARD LONE, EDMUND ANDERSON, ROBERT GYNES, and others. FRANCIS GAWDY, treasurer.

Pension assessed at 2*s.*
Reader for the next summer vacation:—Mr. Ryseden.
Attendants on the reader:—Mr. Wythe and Mr. Walter.
Mr. Massy and Mr. Hyllyard called to be utter barristers.

PARLIAMENT held on 13 May, 13 Elizabeth, A.D. 1571, before ROBERT KEYLWEY, THOMAS BROMLEY, GEORGE BROMLEY, RICHARD LONE, and others. FRANCIS GAWDY, treasurer.

Order that the persons following shall be discharged from taking their places at the bench and from their readings paying the fines assessed upon them, viz.:—Mr. Edward Lawton,[1] 5*li.*; Mr. Leyson Price, 10*li.*; Mr. John Price, 13*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; Mr. Thomas Lucas, 20*li.*; Mr. Brian Perker, 5*li.*; and Mr. Richard Baker,[2] 20*li.*

[1] Marginal note, "Dead."
[2] Marginal note, "Came to the bench."

PARLIAMENT held on 27 May, 13 Elizabeth, A.D. 1571, before ROBERT KEYLWAY, GEORGE BROMLEY, RICHARD LONE, ROBERT GYNES, and others. FRANCIS GAWDY, treasurer.

Order that Mr. Robertes, because he has borne some office of charge in the House, is to have his place next to the puisne of the outer bar, saving the place of ancienty to any that shall hereafter be called to the outer bar.[1]

Order that Mr. Bridges, who was put out of commons, is remitted into commons again without paying a fine of 40*s.*, in consideration that he has taken some trouble in the business of the House, and he is to pay all other duties upon his admission into commons.

PARLIAMENT held on 17 June, 13 Elizabeth, A.D. 1571, before ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KEYLWEY, THOMAS BROMLEY, GEORGE BROMLEY, and others. FRANCIS GAWDY, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner at next vacation :—Mr. Richard Bedell and Mr. Lottysham.

Admission of Mr. William Gryffyth, son of Mr. Hugh Gryffyth, without any payment.

PARLIAMENT held on 1 July, 13 Elizabeth, A.D. 1571, before ROBERT KEYLWAY, GEORGE BROMLEY, RICHARD LONE, ROBERT GYNES, and others. FRANCIS GAWDY, treasurer.

Order that Mr. Ratclyff and Mr. Cock be licensed to build a chamber in a convenient place behind the new buildings of Mr. Fuller in the Temple Garden, and to enjoy it without any other to be admitted thereto, unless with their assent.

Licence to Mr. Coke of the outer bar, to be absent from the mean vacation after next reading, and he shall keep another mean vacation for the one lost.

[1] Marginal note, "Associate to the bar."

PARLIAMENT held on 13 October, 13 Elizabeth, A.D. 1571, before ROBERT KEYLWAY, THOMAS BROMLEY, RICHARD LONE, ROBERT GYNES, and others. FRANCIS GAWDY, treasurer.

Pension assessed at *2s.*

Reader for next Lent vacation :—Mr. Wythe.

Order for the special admission of Mr. Henry Gawdy, Mr. Serjeant Gawdy's son, without payment.

Special admission of Henry Gawdye of Claxton in the county of Norfolk, gent.

Order for a general admission of Mr. Thomas Gawdye, another son of Mr. Gawdy, without payment.

PARLIAMENT held on 4 November, 13 Elizabeth, A.D. 1571, before THOMAS BROMLEY, ROBERT KEYLWEY, WILLIAM POOLE, GEORGE BROMLEY, and others. FRANCIS GAWDY, treasurer.

Auditors for the treasurer's account :—Mr. Flowerdew, Mr. Hurleston, Mr. Ive, and Mr. Assheby.

Auditors for the steward's account :—Mr. Lone, Mr. Mariott, Mr. Hare, N., and Mr. Lottesham.

Attendants upon the reader for next vacation :—Mr. Thomas Bromley and Mr. Walter.

Treasurer :—Mr. Lone.

It is granted[1] that every bencher, utter barrister (a practiser) and every attorney of the House shall pay yearly every term *12d.*, and every other gentleman of the House *6d.* towards the wages of Mr. Corauns, divinity reader there.

Mr. Francis Gawdy, late reader at last Lent vacation, has given his special admission to Thomas Gawdy, his brother's son.

Special admission of Thomas Gawdye of Claxton, in the county of Norfolk, gent., at the instance of Francis Gawdye, reader in Lent last.

[1] In the margin is "Lectorer."

PARLIAMENT held on 25 November, 14 Elizabeth, A.D. 1571, before ROBERT KEYLWAY, GEORGE BROMLEY, ROBERT WYTHE, and others. RICHARD LONE, treasurer.

Order for the special admission of Edward Bolstred for the sum of 5*li.*

Special admission of Edward Bolstred of Upton in the county of Bucks, gent.

Order for Mr. Thomas Gawdy, the younger, to have a general admission for 20*s.*

Mr. Guy Bonvile called to be an utter barrister.

Order that "every one of the bar and other fellow of the House being in commons on the 24th day of November last, that were absent from the revels the same day at night, be every of them amerced, videlicet, utter barristers, 2*d.*, and every other fellow of the House, 1*d.*, and the same to be cast into the commons of the House."

Order that Mr. Gale, Mr. Williams, R., Mr. Beamount, H., Mr. Wettenhall, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Dolman, who were absent last vacation and should have paid 40*s.* each and have kept another vacation, be discharged of the payment of the said 40*s.*, but to keep another vacation.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 January, 14 Elizabeth, A.D. 1571-2, before THOMAS BROMLEY, ROBERT KEYLWEY, GEORGE BROMLEY, ROBERT WYTHE, and others. RICHARD LONE, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Mr. Francis Assheby, and Mr. Bullocke.

Allowance of 4*li.* given to the company for "Christillmas."

Order for the special admission of Mr. Thomas Ryvet, son of Mr. James Ryvet of the bench, without any payment.

Special admission of Thomas Ryvet, son and heir of James Ryvet, of West Cretingham, Suffolk, gentleman.

Admission of Mr. George Nedham and he is to have some convenient place appointed, upon which to build himself a chamber.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 February, 14 Elizabeth, A.D. 1571-2, before THOMAS BROMLEY, ROBERT KEYLWEY, GEORGE BROMLEY, FRANCIS GAWDY, and others. RICHARD LONE, treasurer.

Mr. Browne and Mr. Lottesham, who were put out of commons, are re-admitted into commons without paying any fine.

Order for the special admission of Mr. Thomas FitzWilliams, upon payment of 8*li.*

Special admission of Thomas FitzWilliams of Deny, Northamptonshire, gent.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 April, 14 Elizabeth, A.D. 1572, before ROBERT KEYLWAY, GEORGE BROMLEY, FRANCIS GAWDY, and others. RICHARD LONE, treasurer.

Pensions assessed at 2*s.*

Reader for next vacation :—Mr. Walter.

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Thomas Bromley and Mr. Halton.

Order for the special admission of Mr. Laurence Stoughton, son of Mr. Stoughton of the bench.

Special admission of Laurence Stoughton, of —— in the county of Surrey, gentleman.

PARLIAMENT held on 18 May, 14 Elizabeth, A.D. 1572, before ROBERT KEYLWEY, GEORGE BROMLEY, FRANCIS GAWDY, and others. RICHARD LONE, treasurer.

[No entries.]

PARLIAMENT held on 8 June, 14 Elizabeth, A.D. 1572, before ROBERT KEYLWEY, GEORGE BROMLEY, ROBERT WYTHE, and others.

Stewards for the reader's dinner, next vacation :—Mr. Bydell and Mr. Sanckye.

Order that, for the allowance to the steward for commoners, Mr. Braddon and Mr. Massye shall search for the allowance to Slanninge, late steward.

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday, 22 June, 14 Elizabeth, A.D. 1572, before ANTHONY STAPLETON, F. GAWDYE, GYNES, MR. MARRIET, MR. FLOERDEWE, and others. R. LONE, treasurer.

Mr. Massy, who was put out of commons, is re-admitted into commons, without paying any fine.

Mr. Smalman pardoned the next grand vacation on account of business he has at the Shropshire assizes, and he shall serve another vacation.

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday, 12 October, 14 Elizabeth, A.D. 1572, before THOMAS BROMLEY, ROBERT KEYLWEY, FRANCIS GAWDY, ROBERT GYNES, and others.

Pension roll assessed as heretofore at *2s.*

Master Robert Halton chosen reader for next Lent vacation, when Mr. Thomas Bromley should have read, but for divers considerations he is respited till the Lent vacation following.

Attendants :—Mr. Anderson and Mr. Leyton.

Order that Ranulph Hurleston, gent., a bencher of this House, shall have during his natural life the chamber wherein he is admitted, and because he has bestowed great costs in building a gallery and divers other rooms and lodgings over the said chamber, he shall enjoy the same gallery, rooms, and buildings solely to himself, during his natural life, and after his decease John Nuttall, his nephew, an utter barrister of this House, shall enjoy the same for his life, and after his decease the said chamber and buildings shall remain to the eldest son of Richard Hurleston, esquire, brother of the said Ranulph, then being a fellow of this House. Provided always that Robert Buxton, an utter barrister, shall, at all times hereafter during his life, if he be not admitted to any other chamber, enjoy for so long as he is in London, the lowest room of the said chamber together with the said Ranulph Hurleston, John Nuttall, and the said eldest son, and

also the study or closet which is upon the east part of the window towards the Thames, which the said Robert Buxton now occupies. And the said Robert may have one servant to attend upon him as long as he abide in the House or be in London.[1]

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday, 2 November, 14 Elizabeth, A.D. 1572, before BROMLEY, ROBERT KEYLWEY, GEORGE BROMLEY, ROBERT GYNES, ROBERT WYTHE, and others.

Auditors for the steward's account:—Mr. Flowerdewe, Mr. Hurleston, Mr. Asshely, and Mr. Bidell.

Auditors for the treasurer's account:—Mr. Gynes, Mr. Rysden, Mr. Wyet, and Mr. Ashely.

Order that the payment of commons by any of the outer bar in any of the grand vacations in time of reading, shall not be any discharge of any fine for being absent from the same vacation, but any such so doing shall pay the fine according to the rule thereof made, his paying of commons notwithstanding.

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday, 23 November, 15 Elizabeth, A.D. 1572, before THOMAS BROMLEY, ROBERT KEYLWEYE, GEORGE BROMLEY, ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT WYTHE, ROBERT GYNES, FLOWERDEWE, RALPH HAUGHTON, RANULPH HURLESTON, and others.

Order for the special admission of Richard Brereton of Totton, Cheshire, gent.

Order for the special admission of Francis Palmes of Lindley (*Lynley*), Yorkshire, gent.

Mr. James Gryffyth freely admitted to the House.

Order for the special admission of William Buckeley, late chief butler of the House, without any payment.

Special admission of William Buckeley of Derby in the county of Derby, gent.

Order that a member of the clerks' commons shall be collector of the pension and other rolls.

[1] Marginal note, "Vide in parliamento 8 Feb., anno 32 Eliz."

"Whereas by the lords of the Queen's Majesty's council in the Star Chamber the 21 day of May in the year of our Lord God one thousand five hundred three score and nine it was ordained and decreed in the Queen's Majesty's name that these persons hereafter named, that is to say, Thomas Bawde, Robert Atkynson, Arden Waferer, Andrew Grey, and Thomas Grenewood, then fellows of this House, for sundry and manifest contempts and offences by them committed and done shall be excluded out of commons in this House and should forbear to give any counsel in the law to any of the Queen's Majesty's subjects, as appertaineth to a counsel or any minister in the law, or to resort to any bar or place of justice there to plead in any suit or cause belonging to the law other than for themselves, and that they and every of them should obey that order until they should by God's goodness reconcile themselves and amend their said defaults, and that their said reconciliation should be certified by the Bishop of London, and otherwise upon their continuance of their obstinacy to be utterly excluded for ever from the said society of the said House. And where also it was ordered and decreed by the said lords of the council the day, year, and place abovesaid, that if these persons hereafter named, —— Lewys, Pollard, and John Grey, then fellows of this House, did not before the 25 day of June then next ensuing appear before the said then Bishop of London and commissioners, to answer to such things as should be objected against them, that then and from that day they should be excluded out of the society of this said House and should not enjoy any benefit as fellows there but should also forbear from giving any advice as a counsellor in the law and from pleading, in like sort as the former, and so to continue until by the bishop they should be reconciled as above said, as by the letters of the said lords of the council containing the same decree, to the ancients and benchers of the same House directed, appeareth. And forasmuch as the said John Lewes, —— Pollard, and John Grey did not appear according to the tenor of the said decree, neither did they nor the said Thomas Bawde, Robert Atkynson, Arden Waferer, and Thomas Grenewod, or any of them, reconcile themselves, according to the tenor of the said decree, within one year after they were put out of commons, but continued in their contempts and obstinacy by the space of one year and more, and thereupon they were by act of parliament in the term of the Holy Trinity, anno Domini 1570,

expulsed this House for the same their obstinacy and contempt for ever, which act is not found entered at that time.

"And where also Walsyngham, Saunders, James Morgan, Francis Pyggot, Francis Waferer, Gerard Maryn, —— Braybrok, Hugh Wyot, Richard Clerke, William Atkynson, Simon Egerton, and —— Evererd were by letters directed from the abovesaid commissioners appointed to be before them and did not appear according to the same letters, nor did reconcile themselves after the same letters and before the making of the said order in the said Trinity term, and thereupon it was in the same term also ordered that they should be expulsed out of this House, and yet nevertheless the entry of the same order was omitted, as is specified. Therefore in consideration of the said former order and to the intent such obstinate demeanour should not be let slip, but should be met withal and receive condign punishment, as appertaineth, it is now this present parliament ordered and enacted that the said former order taken in the said Trinity term, should now be entered and that the same shall stand and be in full force and effect from the time of the making thereof in Trinity term aforesaid, as if it had been then fully and perfectly entered in the Parliament Book; and it is now also ordered that the persons before named yet continuing their former contempt and obstinacy, as it is manifest that they do, shall be expulsed out of this fellowship and no more to be taken any fellows or members of the same."

In consideration of the great costs bestowed by John French, gent., one of the bar of this House, in building a new study joined to his chamber, and in repairing his old chamber, it is granted that he may have the same chamber and study during his natural life without having any person admitted to the same. And if Godfrey French, son of the said John, be admitted into the fellowship of this House, he shall have the said chamber and study during his natural life upon the like terms. Saving the rights of William Leighton, esquire, and Oliver Godfrey, gent., to the same chamber.

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday, 25 January, 15 Elizabeth, A.D. 1572-3, before ROBERT KEYLWAY, GEORGE BROMLEY, ROBERT WHITHE, ROBERT GYNES, THOMAS MARRYET, RANULPH HURLESTON, and others. RICHARD LONE, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner at the next vacation:—Mr. Smyth and Mr. Braddon.

Allowance of 4*li.* given to the company of the House for Christmas.

Mr. Bacon, who was put out of the House for divers disorders committed by him since last term, is re-admitted into the House upon paying 40*s.* for a fine, according to the statute thereof made on 22 May, 1569.

Order "that no fellow of this House of the Inner Temple shall from henceforth at any time get, obtain, or procure any token, message, letter or letters of, from, or in the name or names of any person or persons, or otherwise by speech to be made, directed, or written, or by any other indirect means, to the benchers of this House or any of them, for the calling or preferring of any of the fellowship of the same House to the outer bar or bench of the same House, upon pain to be put out of the same House and from the fellowship and company of the same House for ever."[1]

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday, 8 February, 15 Elizabeth, A.D. 1572-3, before ROBERT KEYLWAY, FRANCIS GAWDY, ROBERT WYTHE, RICHARD GYNES, THOMAS MARYET, and —— FLOWERDEWE.

Order for the special admission of George Forest, of Middleham in the county of York, gent., for 3*li.*, at the request of George Bromley.

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday, 12 April, 15 Elizabeth, A.D. 1573, before THOMAS BROMLEY, ROBERT KEYLWAY, ANTHONY STAPLETON, GEORGE BROMLEY, ROBERT GYNES, ROBERT WYTH, THOMAS MARYET, and others.

Pension roll assessed as heretofore at 2*s.*

[1] Marginal note, "Vide 12 Junii, 22 Eliz: et 26 Nov., 24 Eliz."

Reader for the summer vacation :—Mr. Ranulph Hurleston.

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Anderson and Mr. Pagrave.[1]

Order that Mr. William Leighton, lately called to the bench, shall be from henceforth free and discharged from his readings and keeping of all other learnings in the House and from all manner of offices, elections, fines for Christmas, and other charges and duties (commons, pensions, aid rolls, and church rolls only excepted) and shall be remitted to the bar there to continue in his ancienty discharged as aforesaid. In consideration whereof he shall pay 20 marks.

Like discharge and remission for Richard Thompson, lately called to the bench, for 10*li.* paid to the treasurer.

Order for the special admission of John FitzWilliam, at the instance of Robert Halton, reader for Lent, 1573.

Master Richard Baker, lately called to the bench, where he has taken his place and ancienty, being ordered to read at next summer vacation, desires for divers occasions to be spared the reading, it is therefore ordered that he be discharged the reading for a fine of 40 marks.

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday, 3 May, 15 Elizabeth, A.D. 1573, before THOMAS BROMLEY, ROBERT KEYLWEY, GEORGE BROMLEY, ROBERT WYTHE, ROBERT GYNES, and others.

Order that William Lotysham be re-admitted into commons, paying for his fine 40*s.*

Mr. Wyott and Mr. Hele licensed to have "a steeyrs" from their chamber into the garden.

PARLIAMENT held on 24 May, 15 Elizabeth, A.D. 1573, before THOMAS BROMLEY, ROBERT KEYLWEY, GEORGE BROMLEY, FRANCIS GAWDY, ROBERT WYTH, THOMAS MARIOTT, and others.

Stewards of the reader's dinner :—Mr. Repyngton and Mr. Stoughton.

[1] For Palgrave, see "Masters of the Bench," 1540-1883, p. 13.

Order for the special admission of Anthony Bradshawe, of Bradshaw, Derbyshire, gent.

"Item, the steward to have allowance for every day in every mess of beef being roasted, one penny, over the common allowance, and one halfpenny (?) for every mess at night of roasted mutton, for the space of three weeks and no longer."

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday, 7 June, 15 Elizabeth, A.D. 1573, before ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KEYLWEY, GEORGE BROMLEY, ROBERT GYNES, and others. RICHARD LONE, treasurer.

Order for the special admission of Richard Rigbie, of Wrightington in the county of Lancaster, gent., freely.[1]

Order for the special admission of Morgan Glyne, at the instance of Walter, reader for autumn, 14 Elizabeth.

Mr. Bonvile pardoned attending next vacation, but he is to serve another in its place.

Mr. Edmund Fetiplace to be admitted to the fellowship and pay according to the order heretofore made the sum of 5*li.*, forasmuch as he was of no House of Chancery.

Licence to Mr. Boughan and Mr. Bocher to build a chamber, next to the new chamber built next the stone wall.

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday, 10 October, 15 Elizabeth, A.D. 1573, before THOMAS BROMLEY, ROBERT KEYLWEY, WILLIAM POOLE, ROBERT WYTHE, ROBERT GYNES, THOMAS MARIOT, and others.

Order for the special admission of Hugh Wynnington, of ——— in the county of Chester, gent.

Pensions assessed at 2*s.*

Order for the special admission of Thomas Draner, gent., for a fine of 3*li.*, and this at the instance of Master Hawlton, because the said Thomas was not of any House of Chancery before his admission.

Order for the special admission of Thomas Beeke, at the instance of Robert Whyth, reader in Lent, 14 Elizabeth.

[1] In the margin is "Rigbie, pincerna."

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday, 25 October, 15 Elizabeth, A.D. 1573, before ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KEYLWEYE, GEORGE BROMLEY, FRANCIS GAWDY, ROBERT WYTH, ROBERT GYNES, and others.

Mr. Anderson chosen reader for next Lent vacation, at which time Mr. Thomas Bromley, solicitor to the Queen, should have read, but in consideration that the Parliament is prorogued until February next, which being nigh the time of reading, and the said Mr. Bromley has to be attendant at the parliament, wherefore he is respited until next Lent vacation after the next reading.

Attendants:—Mr. Gynes and Mr. Pagrave.

PARLIAMENT held on Monday, 2 November, 15 Elizabeth, A.D. 1573, before THOMAS BROMLEY, ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KEYLWEY, GEORGE BROMLEY, ROBERT POOLE, ROBERT WYTHE, ROBERT GYNES, and others.

Treasurer:—Mr. Thomas Bromley, the Queen's solicitor, and he is to make choice of whom it shall please him "to exercise his room."

Auditors for the steward's account:—Mr. Halton, Mr. Pagrave, Mr. Sancke, and Mr. Massy.

Auditors for the treasurer's account:—Mr. Flowerdew, Mr. Rysden, Mr. Goldyng, and Mr. Ive.

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday, 15 November, 15 Elizabeth, A.D. 1573, before ANTHONY STAPYLTON, ROBERT KEYLWEYE, ROBERT POOLE, GEORGE BROMLEY, FRANCIS GAWDY, ROBERT WYTHE, ROBERT GYNES, and others.

Mr. Buxston, Mr. Bullocke, and Mr. Wylcockes called to the bench.

Order that at the request of Mr. Stapleton, one William Pyckard, his servant, shall have the room and place of a butler, when a vacancy occurs.

PARLIAMENT held on 19 November, 16 Elizabeth, A.D. 1573, before ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KELWEY, ROBERT POOLE, GEORGE BROMLEY, FRANCIS GAWDIE, ROBERT WITHE, ROBERT GYNES, and others.

Order that the coming to the bench of such as were called at the last parliament be respited till Thursday next, when a parliament shall be held to consider thereof and concerning such others as shall be thought meet for the bench.

Order that for clearing off the debt on the House an aid roll be levied, viz.:—from every bencher, 13*s.* 4*d.*; from every utter barrister, 10*s.*; and from every other fellow of the House, 6*s.* 8*d.* The same to be collected by Ledesham, the butler.

PARLIAMENT held on 22 November, 16 Elizabeth, A.D. 1573, before ROBERT KELLEWAYE, ROBERT POOLE, GEORGE BROMLEY, FRANCIS GAWDIE, ROBERT WITHE, ROBERT GYNES, and others.

Order for the special admission of Edmund Feteplace, of Childrey, in the county of Buckingham, gent., for 10 marks.

"Touching the petition of William Atkinson, it is thought good that the same Atkinson shall procure letters from the Bishop of London signifying his conformity in religion, and that he hath purged himself of such suspicion as hath been conceived of him touching religion. And thereupon further order to be taken."

PARLIAMENT held on 26 November, 16 Elizabeth, A.D. 1573, before ANTHONY STAPLETON, ROBERT KELLWEY, ROBERT POLE, GEORGE BROMLEY, FRANCIS GAWDIE, ROBERT WITH, ROBERT GINES, and others. THOMAS BROMLEY, treasurer.

Memorandum, that Mr. Newterfeld was appointed at the parliament held on 19 November last past, to come again at the next parliament, when it was promised that if he would receive the oath of obedience and receive the communion in the Temple, that he should be received again into commons, yet he has not appeared

since the said 19 November to show himself conformable to the order to him appointed, it is therefore ordered that the matter be remembered at the next parliament.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 January, 16 Elizabeth, A.D. 1573-4, before ROBERT KELLAWAYE, GEORGE BROMLEY, FRANCIS GAWDYE, ROBERT WITHE, THOMAS MARRYOTT, and others.

Mr. Nicholas Hare, Mr. Andrew Grey, Mr. Wyatt, and Mr. Humphrey Smithe, called to the fellowship of the bench. "And it is ordered that Mr. Bullocke, heretofore called, and Mr. Grey shall take their places according to their ancienties. And the taking of place at the bench of Mr. Hare, Mr. Wyatt, Mr. Smithe, Mr. Buckstone, and Mr. Wilcockes is thought good to be respited for a time, for that the place is presently so full. And also it is agreed that ancienty shall be saved (notwithstanding the calling of all the persons above named) to all such as shall hereafter be called. And all the persons above named to have their ancienty, as they had at the bar without having of any ancienty of any that now hath taken place at the bench."

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Mr. Gale and Mr. Norton, but if Mr. Norton can show any cause why he should be discharged, it is agreed he shall be discharged, and Mr. Waringes to be charged therewith.

The steward (in respect of the present dearth) is allowed 8*d.* for a loin of mutton, and for his beef for every mess 7*d.* This order to endure till Lent next.

Admission of Arthur Golding, without payment, and he is to have all the benefits of a special admission.

William Atkinson received into the fellowship of this House and to enjoy his former ancienty, upon condition that he shall, before coming into commons, take the oath before the bench and receive the communion in the Temple church, before Easter term next.

PARLIAMENT held on 29 January, 16 Elizabeth, A.D. 1573-4, before ROBERT KELLEWEY, GEORGE BROMLEY, FRANCIS GAWDYE, THOMAS MARIOTT, ROBERT WITH, BARNARD RANDALL, and others.

Order that Edward Bulstrod and Thomas Gawen, the younger, shall be admitted into the chamber of Robert Kellewaie, a bencher, in "the Figtree Courte" wherein John Crooke, the younger, stands admitted, nothwithstanding the said chamber is a bencher's chamber. In consideration whereof the said Edward and Thomas shall repair the said chamber, which is in great ruin and decay.

"Whereas the House at this present is greatly indebted and far behindhand, by reason whereof it is the worse served both of bread, drink, meat, and divers other things, for that the creditors are not in any reasonable and convenient time paid such sums of money as are due unto them for their wares, the only occasion whereof hath grown through the non-payment of the debts and duties of the House. For reformation and redress whereof it is enacted that Richard Ledisham, one of the butlers of this House, shall on Thursday next about dinner time demand at the hearth in the hall of this House, the several sums owing unto this House by any fellow of the same which then shall be in commons in this House or then lying in the same House. And the same Richard Ledisham, on Monday then next after, about the time and place aforesaid, shall make one other like demand of all such sums of money as then shall be owing by any fellow of this House, then being in commons or lying within the same House. And the said Richard Ledisham, on Thursday then next after, at the place and about the time aforesaid, shall make one other like demand of all such sums of money as then shall be owing unto this House by any fellow of the same, then being in commons or lying within the House. And it is further enacted that if any sum of money being demanded at the last demand aforesaid, shall remain unpaid by such person or persons as ought to pay the same, by the space of twenty days next after the same last demand, that then such person or persons as ought to have paid the same, shall from thenceforth for ever lose the benefit of his or their admittance into any chamber or chambers of this House, wherein he or they be

then admitted in such form, state, and condition as if he or they had never been admitted into the same chamber or chambers. And furthermore it is enacted that from henceforth no butler or other officer of this House shall at any time hereafter upon request made by any person or persons, being fellows of this House, suffer any such person or persons to go out of the commons of this House until he or they shall have answered and paid all such sums of money, debts, and duties as he or they shall at that present owe or be chargeable unto the stewards or the House. And if any butler or other officer of this House do at any time hereafter suffer any of the fellows of this House to be put out of the commons of this House before he has paid all his debts and duties, as is aforesaid, then it is further ordered that the aforesaid Richard Ledisham or other officer or officers who shall at any time hereafter collect the pension roll, so offending contrary to the meaning of this act, shall pay the same debt or duty for such person or persons who should or ought to have paid the same. And likewise it is ordered that William Greene, now steward of this House, and all other persons who shall at any time hereafter be stewards of this House, shall not demand or be allowed by the treasurers of this House at any account hereafter to be made, any sum of money for the commons of any fellow or fellows of this House, unless it be for the commons of such who are by order of this House cast in commons by reason of *visus in villa*, or else such sums of money which shall be due for repasts only. Provided always that this act do not extend to be of any force against any person or persons whose debts and duties in this House do not now, or at any time hereafter shall, amount to the sum of 5*s*."

Stewards of the reader's dinner :—Mr. Gale and Mr. Waring. Mr. Norton discharged for divers causes.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 February, 16 Elizabeth, A.D. 1573-4, before ROBERT KELLAWAIE, GEORGE BROMLEY, ROBERT WITH, EDWARD FLOWERDEW, and others.

Order that the butlers shall have the usual allowance for the time of Christmas.

Special admission of William Washbourne, gent., at the request of Edward Flowerdewe.

"Forasmuch as corn, victual, and fuel have lately been and yet are so dear and of so high prices, as the weekly commons of this House neither have or do any thing near answer the weekly charge and expense of the same House in victuals, fuel, and other necessaries, whereby the same House is fallen into great apparels and likely to fall into further debt if there be not convenient order speedily taken for the redress thereof," it is therefore ordered "that from henceforth at every account, weekly made, when the apparels that week are set down in a sum in gross, the same shall be divided so that every fellow of this House being in commons that week shall and may be ratably charged with so much of the sum as his part thereof shall ratably amount unto, and every half commoner shall be likewise charged according to that rate. This act to endure for one whole year next ensuing and no further."

PARLIAMENT held on 2 May, 16 Elizabeth, A.D. 1574, before ROBERT KELLAWAIE, GEORGE BROMLEY, ROBERT WITH, and others.

Pensions assessed at *2s.*

Mr. John Pagrave to read at the next summer vacation.

Special admission of Thomas Browne, gent.

PARLIAMENT held on 13 June, 16 Elizabeth, A.D. 1574, before ROBERT KELLAWAYE, GEORGE BROMLEY, ROBERT WITH, and others.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Mr. Richardson and Mr. Ralph Browne.

Attendants on the reader:—Mr. Maryotte and Mr. Greye.

Mr. Edward Drewe, Andrew Somner, Richard Tredwaye, Edmond Saunders, William Cocke, Ralph Ratclife, and John Hele called to the outer bar.

"Orders necessary for the government of the Inns of Court, established by commandment of the Queen's Majesty with the advice of her Privy Council and the justices of her Bench and the Common

Pleas at Westminster, in Easter term, anno xvj° reginæ Elizabethæ, 1574 :—

"Imprimis that no more in number be admitted from henceforth than the chambers in the House will receive, after two to a chamber; nor that any more chambers shall be built to increase the number, saving that in the Middle Temple they may convert their old hall into chambers, not exceeding the number of ten chambers.

"Item, if any hereafter (admitted in court) practise as attorney or solicitor, they to be dismissed and expulsed out of their Houses thereupon, except the persons that shall be solicitors shall also use the exercising of learning and mooting in the House and so be allowed by the bench.

"Item, none to be suffered to have any chambers or to be in commons in any of the Houses of Court which upon public admonition once given by any reader, bencher, or utter barrister doth not come and remain at the usual common prayers at the churches and chapels of the same House.

"Item, none, hereafter admitted, shall enjoy any chamber or be in commons unless he do exercise moots and other exercises of learning within three years after his admission, and be allowed a student or inner barrister by the bench.

"Item, none to be called to the outer bar but by the ordinary council of the House in their general ordinary councils in the term time.

"Item, none to be utter barrister, as is aforesaid, to continue utter barrister, unless he do by the space of three years after exercise ordinary mootings and other ordinary exercises of learning, both in court and chancery, as the bench shall allow.

"Item, none to be admitted to plead at any the courts at Westminster or to subscribe any action, bill, or plea, unless he be a reader or bencher in court, or five years utter barrister and continue that time in exercise of learning, or a reader in chancery two years at the least, and upon admonition, as aforesaid, shall be at common prayer, as afore is limited.

"Item, none to be allowed to plead before the justices of Assize, except he be allowed for a pleader in the courts at Westminster or shall be allowed by the justices of the Assizes to plead before them. And upon admonition, as aforesaid, shall be at common prayers, as is afore limited.

"The reformation and order of the Inns of Chancery is referred to the consideration of the benchers of the Houses of Court whereto they are belonging, wherein they are to use the advise and assistance of the justices of the courts at Westminster, and thereof to make certificate to the Privy Council at the second sitting the next term in the Star Chamber.

"Item, touching apparel, they shall observe such orders in their degrees as shall be shortly set forth by the Queen's Majesty's proclamation for the apparel of all estates generally."

PARLIAMENT held on 7 November, 16 Elizabeth, A.D. 1574, before ROBERT KELLEWAY, GEORGE BROMELEY, FRANCIS GAWDIE, RICHARD LONE, ROBERT WITH, and others. THOMAS BROMELEY being treasurer.

Auditors for the steward's account:—Mr. Hurleston, Mr. Smythe, Mr. Browne, and Mr. Hele.

Auditors for the treasurer's account:—Mr. Withe, Mr. Graye, Mr. Cooke, and Mr. Drewe.

Reader for next Lent vacation:—Mr. Marryett.

Special admission of Francis Hamond, gent., at the request of Edmond Anderson.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 November, 17 Elizabeth, A.D. 1574, before ROBERT KELLAWAIE, GEORGE BROMELEY, FRANCIS GAWDYE, RICHARD LONE, ROBERT WITH, and others.

Attendants on the reader for Lent vacation:—Mr. Edward Flowerdew and Mr. Andrew Grey.

Order that if Richard Lidisham, now steward of this House, shall at any time hereafter dislike the same office, upon representing his dislike to the benchers he shall be discharged therefrom, and readmitted to his office of one of the butlers with his ancienty in the same office of butler.

"Whereas, as well on the feast day of the Purification of our Lady as on the feast day of All Hallows, great store of pewter of long time hath been used to be lost within this House partly for want of diligent porters in keeping of the doors of the same, but chiefly by

the great negligence of the master cook of this House, to the great loss and charge of this House." For reformation whereof, it is ordered that the master cook shall be allowed at each of the said feast days 8*s.* for the payment of sufficient persons to act as porters, and in the future the said master cook to be chargeable for the pewter lost.

PARLIAMENT held on 30 January, 17 Elizabeth, A.D. 1574-5, before ROBERT KELLAWAIE, RICHARD LONE, ROBERT WITH, EDWARD FLOWERDEW, and others. THOMAS BROMLEY being treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner in Lent vacation:—Mr. Thelwell and Mr. Robert Golding.

Order for the officers of this House to have the usual allowance for their meat and drink in the summer vacation.

Special admission of Henry Jackman, at the request of Thomas Risden, reader.

PARLIAMENT held on 6 February, 17 Elizabeth, A.D. 1574-5, before ROBERT KELLAWAIE, RICHARD LONE, EDWARD FLOWERDEW, THOMAS RISDEN, and others.

Mr. Savill, Mr. Tracie, and Mr. Griffithe re-admitted into commons and pardoned their fines.

Order for Mr. Solicitor and Mr. Attorney to confer with the benchers of the Middle Temple about Mr. Sandes' office.

Special admission of Henry Croke and George Croke.

Order that the said Henry Croke shall be admitted to the chamber of Robert Kellewaie, a bencher, in Figtree Court, wherein John Croke, the younger, Edward Boulstrod, and Thomas Gawen, the younger, were admitted by act of parliament of 29 January, 1573-4. And that the said George shall be admitted to an under chamber, where Mr. William Massye is now admitted.

Special admission of Edmund Lucye.

PARLIAMENT held on 24 April, 17 Elizabeth, A.D. 1575, before ROBERT KELLAWAYE, GEORGE BROMLEY, ROBERT WITHE, THOMAS MARYOT, EDWARD FLOWERDEW, and others.

Reader for the summer vacation:—Mr. Andrew Grey.

PARLIAMENT held on 15 May, 17 Elizabeth, A.D. 1575, before GEORGE BROMLEY, FRANCIS GAWDIE, ROBERT WITH, THOMAS MARRYET, and others. THOMAS BROMLEY being treasurer.

Attendants upon the reader for the summer vacation:—Mr. Edward Flowerdew and Mr. John Bullocke.

Order that the under-treasurer shall deliver to William Grene, late steward, an obligation, whereby the said William and others are bound in the sum of 400*li.* for the clearing of all manner of accounts and reckonings between the said William and this House. And further it is ordered that the said under-treasurer shall receive from the said William all such rolls as the said William has, whereby it appears that any gentleman of this House is indebted to him, the said William, for any sum of money. And the said under-treasurer shall make payment of all such debts, to which the said William Grene owns for this House, to any victualler, purveyor, and other persons.

Special admission of Richard Blagden, at the request of John Pagrave, reader.

PARLIAMENT held on 5 June, 17 Elizabeth, A.D. 1575, before ROBERT KELLAWAYE, GEORGE BROMLEY, FRANCIS GAWDIE, and others.

Mr. French chosen one of the stewards of the reader's dinner, and it is ordered that such as are under him in ancienty, who shall refuse to take the office of steward in turn, shall lose their ancienty to him and them who shall accept the office.

Special admission of Edward Lutwiche.

PARLIAMENT held on 19 June, 17 Elizabeth, A.D. 1575, before ROBERT KELLAWAIE, THOMAS MARRYETT, RICHARD LONE, EDWARD FLOWERDEW, and others.

Order that Mr. Becke be re-admitted into commons without paying any fine.

Order that Andrew Mallorie be re-admitted and restored to the fellowship of the House with his former ancienty, and also to his

chamber and study, and that he shall pay all duties before and since his putting out. And that he shall take the oath publicly before the bench and also receive the communion before the end of Michaelmas term.

PARLIAMENT held on 2 November, 17 Elizabeth, A.D. 1575, before ROBERT KELLAWAIE, GEORGE BROMLEY, FRANCIS GAWDIE, THOMAS MARRYET, and others. THOMAS BROMLEY being treasurer.

Whereas Ralph Hare, Hugh Hare, and John Hare are admitted into an upper chamber wherein the said Ralph and Hugh now lie, adjoining the chamber of Mr. John Glascocke on the one side and that of Mr. Leonard Ivey on the other, it is ordered that—in consideration of the great charges which the said Ralph and Hugh have had in repairing the same chamber, which was very ruinous, and in recompense for the pains which the said Hugh has taken for the last two years and will yet take for one year in the office of under-treasurer, which he undertook at the earnest request of the bench—any admittance to the said chamber shall be void during the lives of the said Ralph, Hugh, and John, or the survivor of them, unless it be with their consent.[1]

Order that Thomas Bromley, now treasurer, shall continue treasurer for one year longer.

Auditors elected for the steward's account:—Mr. Grey, Mr. Frenche, Mr. Hewes, and Mr. Smalman.

Auditors elected for the treasurer's account:—Mr. Flowerdew, Mr. Pagrave, Mr. Goldinge, and Mr. Beamount.

Order that Mr. George Wiatte shall take his place at the bench and read at Lent next ensuing.

[1] Note:—"By an act of parliament made in May following for Mr. Towse a study is united unto this chamber."

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PARLIAMENT held on 27 November, 18 Elizabeth, A.D., 1575, before ROBERT KELLAWAY, GEORGE BROMLEY, WILLIAM POOLE, EDWARD FLOWERDEW, and others.

At the humble suit[1] of the steward of this House, it is ordered that as often as the commons shall break up, if any fellow of this House shall then be indebted to the steward for his commons to the sum of one whole week's commons or above, and shall not pay the same by the space of one week next after the breaking up of commons, that every such fellow, so indebted, shall be by force of this act of parliament, adjudged out of the commons of this House; and that the ancient butler of this House shall write in the book of commons upon the name of every such fellow *extra per mandatum*, and that the said butler do his diligence herein without respect of any person, as he will answer to the contrary at his peril.

Order that Mr. John Bullocke shall read at Lent next.

Attendants on the reader:—Mr. Edward Flowerdew and Mr. George Wyotte.

PARLIAMENT held on 29 January, 18 Elizabeth, A.D. 1575-6, before GEORGE BROMLEY, WILLIAM POOLE, THOMAS MARRIET, EDWARD FLOWERDEW, and others. THOMAS BROMLEY, solicitor general, treasurer.

In consideration of the great charges that Mr. William Fytton has been at in repairing the decayed chamber under the hall stairs, it is ordered that from henceforth during the said Mr. Fytton's life, none shall be admitted into the said chamber without his consent.

Allowance of 4*li.* made to the fellowship of this House towards the charges in keeping the officers of this House at Christmas last past.

Special admission of Henry Knyvet for 3*li.*

Special admission of Childe, at the request of Thomas Marriet, reader.

[1] Note:—"Vide 14 May, 6 Elizabeth, and 16 May, 5 Elizabeth."

PARLIAMENT held on 11 February, 18 Elizabeth, A.D. 1575-6, before WILLIAM POOLE, GEORGE BROMLEY, FRANCIS GAWDYE, ROBERT WITHE, and others.

Order that one Pickard, sometime Mr. Stapleton's man, shall have a place of butler at the next vacancy.

Order that no butler shall at any time depart from his office of butler for money or any other reward, "upon pain that as well the place and office of the giver as the taker to be void *ipso facto*."

PARLIAMENT held on 12 February, 18 Elizabeth, A.D. 1575-6, before WILLIAM POOLE, GEORGE BROMLEY, FRANCIS GAWDIE, ROBERT HAWLTON, and others.

Orders to the same effect as those entered in the proceedings of the last parliament.[1]

PARLIAMENT held on 13 May, 18 Elizabeth, A.D. 1576, before ROBERT KELLAWAYE, GEORGE BROMLEY, FRANCIS GAWDYE, THOMAS MARRYET, EDWARD FLOWERDEW, and others.

Reader for the next summer vacation :—Mr. George Wyotte.

Special admission of Mr. William Lewes, at the request of Mr. George Bromley.

Special admission of Mr. John Wyott, at the request of Mr. George Wyotte.

In consideration of the great costs and charges which Mr. William Towse has bestowed upon a chamber in the little court where Mr. George Bromley, attorney of the Duchy, lies, which was very ruinous and in great decay, where the said William has laid these three years, it is ordered that he shall be admitted to the same chamber and all other chambers and rooms built or repaired by him (except a chamber, over the said chamber, used by Hugh Hare as a study) for his natural life. And no admittance shall be made thereto without the consent in writing of the said William.

[1] Mr. Stapleton is in the second entry described as deceased.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 June, 18 Elizabeth, A.D. 1576, before ROBERT KELLAWAY, THOMAS MARRYET, EDWARD FLOWERDEW, and others.

Attendants upon the reader for the summer vacation:—Mr. Edward Flowerdew and Mr. Humphrey Smithe.

Special admission of Mr. William Ashbye, at the request of Mr. Francis Ashbye, for 5 marks.

Special admission of Mr. Richard Waynman, at the request of Mr. A. Grey, reader at Lent last.

PARLIAMENT held on 24 June, 18 Elizabeth, A.D. 1576, before GEORGE BROMLEY, FRANCIS GAWDY, THOMAS MARRYET, ROBERT HAWLTON, and others.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Mr. Guy Bonvile and Mr. Perkins.

At the suit of Mr. John Willyams, Mr. Bougham, and Mr. Bowrchier, and in consideration of the charges which the said John Willyams has been at concerning a chamber built by the same Mr. Bougham and Mr. Bowrcher, it is agreed that the said John shall be admitted thereto and have the interest therein of the said Mr. Bougham and Mr. Bowrcher.

PARLIAMENT held on 8 July, 18 Elizabeth, A.D. 1576, before GEORGE BROMLEY, FRANCIS GAWDYE, THOMAS MARRYETT, EDWARD FLOWERDEW, and others.

Admission of Mr. Tebold and Mr. Fowler, at the request of Mr. Manwod, one of the justices of the Common Pleas upon payment of 40*s.*

Admission of Mr. Glasyor for 40*s.*

Licence granted to Mr. Nelson to build a study adjoining his chamber, and in consideration of his charges therein, no one shall be admitted thereto without his consent.

Disadmission of Mr. Scott, at his earnest request, out of the House.

Order that every fellow of this House, under the bar, shall yearly pay at Easter 12*d.* to the butler's box and 12*d.* to the cook's box, and every other fellow, being of the bench or bar, shall yearly pay at Easter

18*d.* to each of the said boxes. And for the non-payment thereof they shall be kept in commons until the duties be paid with arrears.

Whereas divers and sundry gentlemen, being fellows of this House, have divers times heretofore permitted strangers to lie in their chambers as well in term as in vacation time, to the great annoyance of the gentlemen and students of the same House, whereof some have had the plague, and some, other diseases, it is therefore ordered that no fellow, having a chamber in the said House, shall suffer any person, not being his usual or known clerks or servants, to lie in his chambers, upon pain of forfeiting 40*s.*

Order that Mr. Francis Beamount be from henceforth disadmitted from Mr. Anthony Gelle's chamber and be re-admitted into his old chamber in the new buildings, where his brother is.

PARLIAMENT held on 2 November, 18 Elizabeth, A.D. 1576, before GEORGE BROMLEY, FRANCIS GAWDYE, THOMAS MARYET, EDWARD FLOWERDEW, and others.

Treasurer :—Mr. Robert Withe.

Auditors for the steward's account :—Mr. Halton, Mr. Grey, Mr. Davyes, and Hele.

Auditors for the treasurer's account :—Mr. Bullocke, Mr. Wyotte, Mr. Browne, and Mr. Harry Beamound.

Reader :—Mr. Edward Flowerdewe.

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Risden and Mr. Smithe.

Special admission of Mr. John Lone.

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday, 25 November, 19 Elizabeth, A.D. 1576, before THOMAS BROMLEY, GEORGE BROMLEY, FRANCIS GAUDY, RICHARD LONE, THOMAS MARIETT, EDWARD FLOWERDEWE, and others.

The pension assessed at 2*s.*

Whereas the steward has found himself overcharged with finding the officers' and repasters' meat, and divers times has craved allowance for the same, it was agreed in Trinity term last by the masters of the bench that Mr. Lone and Mr. Nicholas Hare should determine the same, thereupon they determined that the said steward should have

allowance for the officers only in the vacations between the terms, of two messes of meat every meal, and in the terms to ask nothing either for officers or repasters. Which order is confirmed by the present parliament.

Licence to Mr. Francis Beamount to build certain rooms at the end of his chamber, and in consideration of his charges therein, no one shall be admitted to the said chamber without the consent of him and his brother.

Re-admittance of Mr. Francis Beamount to his said chamber in the same state as he was first admitted thereto.

"Item, considering the manifold and great benefits and good turns which the right honourable the Earl of Leicester, chief governor of this House, hath done and daily doth do and bestowed upon this House and the particular fellows of the same, and now of late to his great charges hath of good zeal which he beareth to this House and beautifying thereof, newly erected and builded certain rooms adjoining to a chamber wherein John Dudley and William Glaseor, esquires, stand and be admitted, being the south end chamber of the buildings lately made by Mr. Fuller, sometime treasurer of the same House, be it therefore enacted by this parliament that the said earl stand, be, and is admitted into the said chamber, rooms, buildings, and other the premises, and to have and enjoy the same during his natural life and that it shall and may be lawful to the said earl, his heirs and executors by authority of this parliament at all times during the term of three score years next ensuing after the date above written, to nominate and appoint such person and persons, being fellows of this House, to be admitted into the said chamber, rooms, buildings, and other the premises as the said earl, his heirs or executors shall think convenient; and that the treasurer of the same House for the time being shall, from time to time, accept and admit every such person and persons, so by him or them to be nominated and appointed, in and to the said chamber, rooms, buildings, and other the premises so as then there be not admittances of or in the said buildings by reason of such nomination, as abovesaid, above the number of three at the most, and that without any charge, sum of money, or other thing to be paid for the same, other than the ordinary duties and charges of the House; and that every such person or persons, so admitted into the said premises, may have and enjoy the same during his natural

life; and that no person or persons during the said number of years shall be admitted into the said chamber, rooms, buildings, and other the premises or any of them without such nomination or appointment by the said earl, his heirs or executors, as aforesaid, provided always that the said John Dudley and William Glaseor shall and may have and enjoy their former interest, according to their former admittance, this act or anything contained therein to the contrary notwithstanding. And be it further enacted by the same parliament that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said earl to enclose and convert into a garden plot, all that plot or parcel of vacant ground enveroned with buildings, lately made in the time of the said Mr. Fuller, being treasurer, on the west side, the brick wall of Serjeant's Inn on the north side, the White Friars on the east side, and the said new erected buildings, as is aforesaid, and that the said earl and such other as he, his heirs, or executors shall so admit, as aforesaid, by his or their denomination, as aforesaid, shall have and enjoy the same in severalty during the time there shall be admittances of the said buildings, without disturbance, interruption, or impediment of any person or persons, etc."

PARLIAMENT held on 27th January, 19 Elizabeth, A.D. 1576-7, before GEORGE BROMLEY, RICHARD LONE, EDWARD FLOWERDEWE, and others.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Mr. Babbe and Mr. Hugh Owen, and in default Mr. Massye and Mr. Pigott.

Warning to be given to Mr. Babbe and Mr. Owen to bear the charge of the said dinner, if they refuse or will not compound for the same then they are to lose their places at the bar and no more to bear the name of utter barristers.

Special admission of Ralph Hornyolde, gent.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 February, 19 Elizabeth, A.D. 1576-7, before EDWARD FLUERDEWE, RANDULPH HURLESTON, JOHN BULLOCKE, and others.

Mr. Hurleston desireth a general admission for Mr. John Hurleston, his nephew, and that some part of the charge for admission

may be mitigated, for he was of no House of Chancery. And his request is granted upon payment of 20*s*.

Mr. Staunton desireth to serve another vacation for one lost, and his petition is granted.

Mr. Forde's suit for buildings referred to the masters of the bench.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 April, 19 Elizabeth, A.D. 1577, before THOMAS BROMLEY, GEORGE BROMLEY, RICHARD LONE, THOMAS MARIETT, EDWARD FLEWERDEWE, and others. ROBERT WYTHE, treasurer.

Reader for the summer vacation :—Mr. Humphrey Smithe,

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Riseden and Mr. Frenche.

Special admission of Francis Bromley, gent.

The appointment of the stewards for the reader's dinner deferred till next parliament.

PARLIAMENT held on 19 May, 19 Elizabeth, A.D. 1577, before RICHARD LONE, EDWARD FLOWERDEWE, ROBERT HALTUN, and others.

Stewards for the reader's dinner :—Mr. Bassett and Mr. Goodyer.

Special admission of Lionel Cowper of London, gent., for 6*li*. 13*s*. 8*d*.

PARLIAMENT held on 9 June, 19 Elizabeth, A.D. 1577, before THOMAS BROMLEY, solicitor general, GEORGE BROMLEY, RICHARD LONE, THOMAS MARIETT, and others.

Special admission of Francis Newporte, gent., for 40*s*.

Order that Mr. William Lee, of the bar, shall serve another vacation for the one he lost, and that he shall be discharged his fine.

PARLIAMENT held on 23 June, 19 Elizabeth, A.D. 1577, before THOMAS BROMLEY, solicitor of the Queen, GEORGE BROMLEY, RICHARD LONE, EDWARD FLUERDEWE, and others.

Allowances granted to the gentlemen for two Christmases past.

Special admission of John Bradshawe, principal of Clement's Inn, in consideration of the good will of old time borne to this House

and accounted as a particular member of the same. And he is to have his ancienty from the time of his first admittance in Mr. Lone's time, paying the sum of 40*s.*

Licence to Mr. William Parry, fellow of this House, to build a chamber in the court where Mr. George Bromley, attorney of the Duchy, now lies, above "the Nuttrey Courte."

Licence to Mr. Harrison, fellow of this House, to build a chamber in "the Grete Garden," as it was assigned by Mr. Lone and Mr. Graye.

Mr. Grylles, Mr. Duport, and Mr. Purferey are called to the outer bar.

Order that Thomas Marton, butler, shall be allowed for his cheese every week 2*d.* for every commoner, which 2*d.* shall be reckoned and cast into commons by the auditors of the account at the end of every week.

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday, 17 November, 20 Elizabeth, A.D. 1577, before THOMAS BROMLEY, solicitor of the Queen, THOMAS MARRIOTT, ROBERT HALTON, ANDREW GRAYE, GEORGE WYOTT, HUMPHREY SMYTHE, and others.

Whereas at the parliament held on 25 November, 1576, it was ordered that Robert, Earl of Leicester, should have certain buildings, erected by him, for term of his life, and he, his heirs, and executors for sundry years might dispose thereof, and because the same buildings are to be enlarged by the said earl, it is enacted that it shall be lawful to the said earl and his assigns to build on the east side of the same buildings, 12 feet forward, eastward to be annexed to the same buildings, and therein they shall have like interest, estate, and power, as by the former act is limited; and all such hereafter to be nominated and admitted thereunto by the said earl shall have like estate, interest, and privilege as by the same act is limited and expressed.

Reader for the Lent vacation :—Mr. Rysden.

Attendants on the same reader :—Mr. Walter and Mr. Frenche.

Pension assessed at 4*s.*

Mr. Hare, Mr. Hurleston, and Mr. Frenche to commune with some of the ancients of the Middle House about Querann's pension.

It is agreed [1] that the passage through "Ramme Alley" shall be stopped and walled up.

The election of treasurer deferred till next parliament.

Auditors for the steward's account:—Mr. Graye and Mr. Smythe, benchers, Mr. Beamond, the younger, and Mr. Tredweye.

Auditors for the treasurer's account:—Mr. Wyett and Mr. Hare, N., benchers, Mr. Beamond, the elder, and Mr. Drewe of the bar.

Mr. Walter to be admitted into Mr. Anderson's chamber, where Mr. Lone is admitted.

Allowances to the officers for their board wages is granted as large as hath been heretofore allowed.

Special admission of Augustine Spencer, gent., freely, at the request of Edmund Anderson, serjeant at law.

Special admission of Thomas Churchyard, gent., at the request of Humphrey Smythe, reader for last autumn.

PARLIAMENT held on Sunday, 24 November, 20 Elizabeth, A.D. 1577, before THOMAS BROMLEY, solicitor of the Queen, GEORGE BROMLEY, RICHARD LONE, EDWARD FLEWERDEWE, ROBERT HALTON, ANDREW GRAYE, GEORGE WYOTT, HUMPHREY SMYTHE, and others.

Treasurer:—Mr. Thomas Marryott.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Mr. Penyston and Mr. Cooke, W., the elder.

Order that Thomas Harrison shall have those rooms and buildings, which he has of late built, during his life, and his assigns, being fellows of this House, to have them for twenty one years after his death, behaving themselves orderly and honestly, and paying and bearing the charges and duties of this House.

"It is also agreed and enacted that forasmuch as Mr. Lone hath refused to be with Mr. Walter in Mr. Serjeant Anderson's late chamber, that Mr. Thomas Fowler, who was lately admitted into Mr. Lone's chamber, shall be with the said Mr. Walter in his chamber, except that Mr. Walter will have with him in the same chamber some one of the bench, and then Mr. Fowler to be in that bencher's

[1] Marginal note:—"Rame Alley. Stay this at the request of Mr. John Dudley on my Lord of Leicester's behalf."

SIR EDMUND ANDERSON, KNT.,

L. C. J. OF THE COMMON PLEAS, MAY, 1582 TO AUGUST, 1605.

From a portrait in the Inner Temple.

chamber that shall be so placed with Mr. Walter, and this is granted at the special desire of Mr. Justice Manwood and Mr. Attorney General, etc."

Licence to Robert Woodleff, fellow of this House, to build such rooms as he shall think convenient, near to or upon the wall of the White Friars in any place between Mr. Harrison's new buildings and the alley, commonly called "the Longe Alley or the Bencher's Alley," and to have the same for his own and any his sons' lives, paying the pensions and other duties. And no man to be admitted without their assent. And the said Mr. Woodleff to be out of commons at his pleasure.

Order that the panierman and each of the under-cooks shall have 3*s.* 4*d.* a week for their board wages, from the breaking up of commons till the commons begin again.

Order that Clarke, the gardener's man, shall have reasonable allowance for watching last winter and for seven links he bought and paid for himself.

PARLIAMENT held on 26 January, 20 Elizabeth, A.D. 1577-8, before THOMAS BROMLEY, esquire, solicitor general, GEORGE BROMLEY, attorney of the Duchy of Lancaster, RICHARD LONE, esquire, EDWARD FLOWERDEWE, esquire, THOMAS RYSDON, esquire, ROBERT HALTON, esquire, and others.

Allowance of 4*li.* granted to the company for the last Christmas.

Allowance of 3*s.* 4*d.* a week, each, granted to the three butlers, the steward, the panierman, and the turnspit, which was not allowed by the company last Christmas.

The gardener's man to be allowed 2*s.* 4*d.* for links.

Mr. Rysdon and Mr. Walter are to be admitted to the chamber that was lately Mr. Serjeant Anderson's, and Mr. Walter for the time of his reading, to have the study to himself, if he will accept his admittance.

Mr. Fowler to be admitted to the chamber where Mr. Rysdon now is, and to have the study Mr. Rysdon now has.

"Mr. Hugh Wyott to obtain the bishop's letter to certify the House of his conformity in religion, and after taking the oath and receiving the communion in the Temple church, then to be restored

to the fellowship in his ancienty, paying all the arrearages of his duties to the House."

Special admission of Owen Gaudy, gent., at the instance of Mr. Flowerdewe, reader for Lent, 1577.

PARLIAMENT held on 9 February, 20 Elizabeth, A.D. 1577-8, before THOMAS BROMLEY, esquire, solicitor general, GEORGE BROMLEY, esquire, attorney general of the Duchy of Lancaster, RICHARD LONE, esquire, EDWARD FLOWERDEWE, esquire, THOMAS RISDON, esquire, ROBERT HALTON, esquire, and others.

"Mr. Lee is pardoned for his absence the last vacation so that he serve the next in place of the last vacation, etc."

The master cook is to be allowed for porters on the feast of All Saints last, 8*s*.

A letter to be sent to Mr. Basset to satisfy the charges of the last reader's dinner, or else at the peril of himself and his sureties to be charged with his part of the charges of the said dinner.

Whereas[1] the order for annexing Mr. Warde's chamber to the buttery and granting him admittance to the next vacant chamber was not entered by the late treasurer as it should have been, nevertheless the said order shall be of force and put in execution.

"Whereas the treasurer, at request of Mr. Langton, made motion that he might be remitted into commons, it is ordered that before he be remitted he shall make his several suit to all the benchers, according to the order of the House, and that done then to make suit to the parliament to be remitted, and not before."

PARLIAMENT held on 20 April, 20 Elizabeth, A.D. 1578, before THOMAS BROMLEY, GEORGE BROMLEY, RICHARD LONE, EDWARD FLOWERDEWE, ROBERT HALTON, and others.

Reader for the next summer vacation :—Mr. Frenche.

Order that Sir Edward Stradling shall have his chamber, and his ancienty in the same, paying his duties.

Mr. George Gaudy pardoned the loss of his vacation, when he was absent.

[1] Marginal note :—"The sellor enlarged."

Order that every bencher and utter barrister, being a practiser, and every attorney and other gentleman of the House shall pay this present term unto Coranns so much as by the former order was and is payable for one whole year. And touching the further continuance of his reading, payment of his stipend, and his certificate that he requested by his letters, the same is referred until talk and conference by the treasurer of this House, Mr. Hurleston, and Mr. Hare shall be had thereof with the Middle Temple, and thereupon such order to be taken as by them shall be thought good.

The calling of benchers to be considered at the table.

The benchers, namely, Mr. Walter and Mr. Frenche, who were appointed attendants on the reader at last vacation, fined 5*li.* each for not attending according to the former orders.

Touching the surmise made by Mr. Williams and Mr. Lightfoote, that the late grant made to the Earl of Leicester for enlarging his new buildings would be prejudicial to their chambers, it is ordered that the same be viewed and surveyed by Mr. Lone and the treasurer, and if they think that the execution of the said grant would be hurtful to their chambers, then the said former grant and order to be reformed, and otherwise not.

Order that Mr. Gawen and Mr. Crooke, in consideration of their charges upon the buildings of their several chambers, shall have the said chambers to themselves during their lives.

Parliament held on 11 May, 20 Elizabeth, A.D. 1578, before Thomas Bromley, George Bromley, Richard Lone, Edward Flowerdewe, and others.

Order that Mr. Ralph Hare, being called to the bench, shall take his place there and in respect of his continual sickness, and for 40*li.* paid by him, he shall be and is dispensed with for his first reading and shall read his second reading in summer "come twelvemonth;" and if unable from illness then to read, upon giving notice to the present treasurer, before All Hallowtide, of his disability, and paying the treasurer another 40*li.*, he shall be discharged from both his readings and other learnings in the House, and shall be of the company of the bench, privileged and discharged as he was at the bar, according to an act made in 11 Elizabeth.

Stewards for the reader's dinner at the next summer vacation :— Mr. Francis Beamount and Mr. Thomas Smaleman.

Order that the butler give warning to Mr. Randolph to be at the next parliament to show cause why he should not pay the arrears of his duties.

Order that Mr. Giles Risdon, son of Mr. Thomas Risdon, esquire, bencher, shall have a general admission, paying nothing for the same.

The like order for the admission of Mr. John Dygby, paying nothing for the same.

PARLIAMENT held on 1 June, 20 Elizabeth, A.D. 1578, before RICHARD LONE, EDWARD FLOWERDEWE, ROBERT HALTON, NICHOLAS HARE, and others.

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Walter and Mr. R. Hare.

Election of benchers and other matters deferred till next parliament.

PARLIAMENT held on 15 June, 20 Elizabeth, A D. 1578, before THOMAS BROMLEY, GEORGE BROMLEY, RICHARD LONE, EDWARD FLOWERDEWE, ROBERT HALTON, and others.

Mr. Buxton, Mr. Sanky, Mr. Goldynge, and Mr. Pygott called to the bench.

Mr. Hynde, Rol., and Mr. Martin, H., the younger, called to the outer bar.

Touching the charge of the two messes of meat allowed to the officers in the weeks between the terms, it is ordered that one half of that charge shall be cast in the commons and paid therewith, and the other half by the treasurer; and the treasurer shall set down for certain what the allowance shall be for every of the same messes. The certainty until next term is 8*d.* the mess and not above.

"Touching the suit of the musicians to have allowance of their wages of 20*s.* at the feast of All Saints last past, it is ordered that the same shall be paid and allowed, albeit that no commons was then kept."

Touching the building began by Mr. Andrew Mallory, it is agreed that he may proceed with the same "so that the wall between the same and Mr. Gelle's chamber be made in such sufficient manner that thereby the talk in the same chamber may not easily be heard into the same new buildings."

Edward Drewe, Roger Hyll, Roland Hynde, and William Atkynson are licensed that they and every of them by authority of this parliament, may amend, by building and enlarging, their several chambers and studies wherein they now stand admitted in the new buildings, and that it may be lawful for them and every or any of them to erect a new building in the vacant place in the back part of their buildings towards Fleet Street, so that the same be not hurtful to other buildings that are there now standing.

PARLIAMENT held on 16 November, 20 Elizabeth, A.D. 1578, before THOMAS BROMLEY, RICHARD LONE, EDWARD FLOWREDEWE, THOMAS RYSDON, ROBERT HALTON, and others. THOMAS MARIETT, esquire, treasurer.

Reader for Lent:—Mr. Walter.

Attendants on the reader:—Mr. Halton and Mr. Pygott.

The treasurer to continue.

Auditors for the treasurer's account:—Mr. Wyott and Mr. Hare, N., benchers, and Mr. Bonvile and Mr. Cock, utter barristers.

Auditors for the steward's account:—Mr. Graye and Mr. Pygott, benchers, and Mr. Davies and Mr. Lee, utter barristers.

Order that the treasurer shall write or speak to Mr. Sankye and Mr. Buxton to understand whether they will accept their places on the bench, according to their calling, and if they will not, then further order be taken touching their fines.

Order that every officer who has attended the House for the safety thereof since the last breaking up of commons until setting them up again, shall be allowed 3*s.* 4*d.* a week for such time.

Order that, notwithstanding the adjournment of the term, the company of the House with the officers thereof may continue in commons so long as there are thirty or more in commons, until the accustomed time of giving up commons at Christmas.

Order that the treasurer shall deal with Mr. Dudley or Mr.

Nuthall that Ram Alley gate may be shut up at all times except in the term time and certain days after the term, without any passage that way.

Upon the complaint of Mr. Strode that the new buildings of Mr. Drewe and others are to "the noyaunce of the light of his house," it is ordered that the same shall be viewed by the treasurer and Mr. ——, and if it appear that the light of the house "be annoyed and impaired," then the same to be reformed as to the viewers shall seem needful.[1]

PARLIAMENT held on 25 January, 21 Elizabeth, A.D. 1578-9, before SIR HENRY COCK, knight, THOMAS BROMLEY, RICHARD LONE, EDWARD FLOWERDEWE, ROBERT HALTON, and others. THOMAS MARIETT, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner in Lent:—Mr. Grylls and Mr. Whyddon.

Order that the company that kept commons last Christmas shall be allowed towards the same, 4*li.*

Order that such officers as were in the town all last Christmas time and had not meat and drink in the House shall be allowed for their board wages 3*s.* 4*d.* a week.

Mr. William Lee pardoned for the loss of the last vacation if he will serve the next.

Special admission of Mr. Chetwood upon payment of 4 marks only.

In consideration that Mr. Andrew Mallory has augmented his chamber with new buildings at his own charge, it is ordered that no one shall be admitted to the same chamber or new buildings during the life of the said Mallory without his consent. The said Mallory, however, shall not have the use of the said chamber to himself, but on a vacancy shall nominate a fellow of the House, who is a continuer, to be admitted to the same with him, and in default the treasurer shall admit whom he pleases.

[1] Marginal note:—"Mr. William Stroode, his request for the stopping of lights of a house near Ram Alley by new buildings in the Temple."

PARLIAMENT held on 8 February, 21 Elizabeth, A.D. 1578-9, before GEORGE BROMLEY, RICHARD LONE, EDWARD FLOWERDEWE, EDMUND WALTER, ROBERT HALTON, and others.

Order that if Mr. Penyston shall not, before the end of Easter term next, pay the charges laid out by the steward on his behalf for the reader's feast in Lent last past, that then he shall be put out of the House and fellowship, and his pledges to be charged with the payment thereof.

Whereas Mr. Sutton has made suit to be put out of the House and fellowship, it is ordered that upon payment of all arrears of his debts and duties he shall be discharged out of the fellowship.

Mr. Adrian Stoughton's suit to be admitted to the fellowship is referred to the treasurer.

Order that Mr. Buckston shall be fined 13*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.* if he does not take his place at the bench before the end of this term.

Order that Mr. Sanky shall be fined 10*li.* for not taking his place at the bench.

Admittance of Edmund Walter, esquire, one of the benchers of this House and appointed reader for Lent vacation, to the chamber with Thomas Rysdon, and it is ordered that the same Edmund shall be admitted to the next bencher's chamber that may be vacant.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 May, 21 Elizabeth, A.D. 1579, before EDWARD FLOWERDEWE, THOMAS RYSDON, ROBERT HALTON, and others.

Reader for the summer vacation:—Mr. Goldynge.

Attendants on the reader:—Mr. Halton and Mr. Pygott, Va[lentine].

Order that Mr. Edward Savage shall pay for his general admission 4*li.* and the other 20*s.* is remitted at the request of Mr. Hurleston.

At the request of Mr. Gawen, the duty payable for the admittance of Mr. Pope and Mr. Keynell to his chamber shall be remitted.

PARLIAMENT held on 31 May, 21 Elizabeth, A.D. 1579, before GEORGE BROMLEY, RICHARD LONE, EDWARD FLOWERDEWE, ROBERT HALTON, and others.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Mr. Hillyarde and Mr. Drewe, E.

Order that Mr. Grills in consideration of the great charges of the reader's dinner in Lent last and of his business, by reason of his father's death, and also because he is no gainer by the law, shall be remitted the duties which he owes for the loss of his vacations.

Special admission of Nicholas Morgan of Rochester in the County of Kent, gent., at the instance of Mr. French, reader for the autumn, 20 Elizabeth.

Whereas by the discontinuance of Mr. Hilliarde the chamber wherein he and Mr. Rawle are admitted is in decay, and Mr. Marden having made suit to be admitted to the same, it is ordered that he shall be admitted therein in consideration that he shall repair it, saving the right of Mr. Hilliarde if he shall recompense Mr. Marden for the costs of the repairs and continue in the chamber himself.

PARLIAMENT held on 19 June, 21 Elizabeth, A.D. 1579, before GEORGE BROMLEY, RICHARD LONE, ROBERT WYTHE, EDWARD FLOWERDEWE, THOMAS RISDON, ROBERT HALTON, and others.

Whereas by an act of parliament of 2 November, 1571, it was ordered that in consideration of the costs which John French, then one of the bar, had bestowed in building and repairing his chamber and study, he should enjoy the same chamber and study during his natural life without having any person admitted to the same, except with his consent, and that if Godfrey Frenche, his son, should be admitted to the fellowship, he should, after the death or removal of his father, have the same chamber and study during his natural life. Since which time the said John is dead and the said Godfrey is not yet admitted into the fellowship, but at the humble request of Mary Frenche, mother of the said Godfrey, it is granted that Mr. Robert Waterhouse, one of the bar, shall have the use of the same chamber until the said Godfrey be admitted.

Licence to Robert Payne, Ralph Wright, Edward Stapleton, and Nicholas Kynnersley, fellows of this House, to build two bays of buildings at the end of the Great Walk, usually called the Benchers' Walk, and in consideration of their great charges thereupon, it is ordered that they shall stand admitted to the same for their natural lives. And at the decease of any of them, the survivors to elect another of the fellowship to be admitted in his place, and if any of them shall lose his admittance by discontinuance out of commons or otherwise, the others remaining shall in like manner elect another of the fellowship to take his place.

PARLIAMENT held on 5 July, 21 Elizabeth, A.D. 1579, before GEORGE BROMLEY, RICHARD LONE, ROBERT WITHE, EDWARD FLOWERDEWE, ROBERT HALTON, and others. THOMAS MARIETT, treasurer.

"First, it is ordered that the cooks or any other officer in the kitchen shall not have any woman or woman-kind to come or resort into the kitchen or kitchen door for any cause, upon pain that the officer to whom such person shall resort to lose his office or place, or otherwise to be punished by amercement, as shall be thought good by the treasurer for the time being."

"Also, it is ordered that the butlers of the House shall make search and inquiry as well of such gentlemen as be fellows of this House as also of them that be no fellows of this House, that shall lie in any chambers of this House, and for such of them as be of the House and lie in any chamber within the House and not in commons, they to be cast in commons of the House, and for such as be not of the House or lie in any chamber of the House, the butlers to make relation and declaration thereof to the bench, to the end the former order touching that abuse may be put in execution. And for the better execution of this order it is ordered that the treasurer shall appoint to every of the four butlers of this House, that is to say, the second, third, fourth, and puisne butlers, a several part and precinct by him to be viewed, searched, or inquired of, and if that any of them shall be found negligent in the execution of this order thrice, then he to lose his office or otherwise to be punished by amercement, as shall be thought good by the treasurer for the time being."

"Also it is ordered that none of this fellowship shall at any time hereafter ask any licence to make any new building within the circuit of the House, and that from henceforth there shall be no more licences granted to build any more new chambers."

Also as concerning such gentlemen who in respect of their charges of the new building or repairing of their chambers have a grant for the sole enjoying of their chambers, it is ordered that if any of them have received or hereafter shall receive any other into the same chamber upon any bargain, bond, or other agreement there to lie as one of the chamber or of part thereof, that he or they shall be admitted to the same by the treasurer, paying as for any other admittance to a chamber in the House. And if any so taken into any such chamber be not admitted by the treasurer before the feast of All Saints next that then the owner of the chamber shall lose the benefit of his former order. Or if any owner shall hereafter receive any to lie in his chamber who shall not be admitted into the same, then he also shall lose the benefit of his said former order.

PARLIAMENT held on 11 October, 21 Elizabeth, A.D. 1579, before RICHARD LONE, EDWARD FLOWERDEWE, ROBERT HALTON, RANDULPH HULESTON, and others.

Touching Ralph Cavendishe, the butler, who by order of the bench was in the last term for divers causes commanded to forbear the use and exercise of his office until the first parliament of this Michaelmas term, upon the said Ralph being now called into the Parliament House, of his own free will he was content to leave and give over the same and not to serve any longer, whereupon he was and is fully discharged from the said office.

The petition of Woodye to have a shop window out of his house to open into the way leading from the street down into the Temple is refused. And that Roger More, the glover, shall continue in his shop paying yearly to the treasurer for the time being a pair of gloves and keeping the way about the same clean and sweet.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 21 Elizabeth, A.D. 1579, before GEORGE BROMLEY, RICHARD LONE, ROBERT WYTHE, EDWARD FLOWERDEWE, THOMAS RISDON, ROBERT HALTON, and others.

The officers for Christmas are elected.

Steward:—Sir Rowland Haywarde, Sir Richard Baker, and Sir Thomas Lucas.

Marshal:—Mr. Dutton, Mr. Freyke, and Mr. Bisshoppe.

Butler:—Mr. Seybrighte, Mr. Kyrton, and Mr. Grymes.

Auditors for the steward's account:—Mr. Smyth, Mr. Pygott, Mr. Drewe, E., and Mr. Hughes.

Auditors for the treasurer's account:—Mr. Bullock, Mr. Goldynge, Mr. Smaleman, and Mr. Hele.

Treasurer:—Mr. Flowerdewe.

Reader for Lent next:—Mr. Halton.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Mr. Hillyarde and Mr. Drewe, E.

Attendants on the reader for Lent:—Mr. Ranulph Hurleston, and Mr. Valentine Pygott.

Thomas Roper, late fourth butler, to have a special admission without payment.

Auditors for Mr. Hugh Hare's account:—Mr. Lone and Mr. Graye.

Mr. Inglebye pardoned the loss of a vacation if he shall keep another for it.

Order that Raglande Vaughan shall have the butler's place next vacant.

It is agreed that Mr. Sutton, E., shall be discharged from this fellowship upon paying 30*s.* according to his bill of debt for the same.

Order that Mr. Smyth and Mr. Golding shall view the place where Woody has requested to have a window, and if upon their report it may be done without damage to the House, then he is licensed to proceed.

Order that Mr. Golding for reading only two readings in the last vacation fined only 10*li.*, because he alleged there were no benchers

attendant after the said two readings, and therefore (contrary to the orders of the House) he thought he was not to read any longer.

PARLIAMENT held on 22 November, 22 Elizabeth, A.D. 1579, before GEORGE BROMELEY, RICHARD LONE, THOMAS RYSDON, ROBERT HALTON, and others.

It is granted that Francis Fytton, of Gawsworth, Cheshire, gent., being of no House, shall pay for his general admission but 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

It is reported by Mr. Smithe and Mr. Goldinge that it is not convenient that the request of Woody to make a window should be granted and therefore his request is refused.

The calling of benchers is referred to the consideration of the bench at the table.

PARLIAMENT held on 24 January, 22 Elizabeth, A.D. 1579-80, before GEORGE BROMLEY, RICHARD LONE, THOMAS RYSDON, ROBERT HALTON, and others.

Order that the company of this House who kept commons last Christmas shall have the allowance of 4*li.*

It is granted that Richard Barker, now cook to Sir Thomas Bromley, knight, lord chancellor of England, shall have the office of master cook in this House in reversion after the death, composition, forfeiture, or other voidance of Michael Lenton, now master cook.

Mr. Francis Beamonte and Mr. Thomas Smaleman were called to this bench this Hilary term and have taken their places according to the former act of parliament.

Order that the steward, Thomas Martyn, the head butler, William Smithe, the second butler, and the panierman shall be allowed for their board wages 3*s.* 4*d.* for every week they had not their commons in the House at Christmas time last.

Licence to Richard Baker, the clerk of the church, to build a shop "in a void place between the two doors belonging to the church, so far forth as he build not the same to the annoying of any other

person, or to the hindrance of the light of the church, or of the entry there. And it is ordered also that the said building shall not be made in such sort as the same may procure any dwelling there for any family. All which things are referred to the view and consideration of Mr. Wyatt and Mr. Smythe of the bench." [1]

PARLIAMENT held on 7 February, 22 Elizabeth, A.D. 1579-80 before GEORGE BROMLEY, RICHARD LONE, ROBERT WYTHE, THOMAS MARYETT, THOMAS RYSDEN, ROBERT HALTON, and others.

Special admissions granted to Mr. Henry Bromeley, Mr. John Lyttleton, Mr. Butler, and Mr. John Cock, freely, at the motion of Sir Thomas Bromeley, knight, lord chancellor of England.

Special admission of Mr. Robert Sackvile, eldest son of Thomas, lord Buckhurst, freely, because his father is one of the bench.

Order that during the life of the lord chancellor no person shall be admitted to his chamber without his consent.

Order that Mr. Payne, Mr. Wrighte, Mr. Stapleton, and Mr. Kynersley, who have licence to build by the wall next the Friars, shall not make any window next into Mr. Cock's chamber.

Admission of Mr. William Browne at the request of Mr. Ashebye, his father-in-law, paying 50*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on 24 April, 22 Elizabeth, A.D. 1580, before GEORGE BROMLEY, ROBERT WITHE, THOMAS MARYETT, THOMAS RYSDEN, ROBERT HALTON, and others.

"Where it is affirmed that heretofore the ancient rent of the garden was 4*li.*, and in respect that the gardener should keep the House from rogues and beggars which be found very dangerous both in respect of health as for robbing of chambers, it is ordered that either the said rent of 4*li.* shall yearly be paid as it was wont to be, or otherwise the gardener shall keep the House as free from such dangers as much as in him lieth."

Order that if any shall be hereafter called to the outer bar he

[1] In the margin is "The clerk's house."

shall stand in such ancienty as he is called, without taking any ancienty of those which be already called.

Order that Mr. William Price shall be remitted *in statu quo prius* and that without paying any fine for the same.

Order that Mr. Mallarye, before he is remitted, shall first come before the bench at the board's end and then further order shall be taken with him.

Reader for the summer vacation :—Mr. Valentine Pygott.

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Hurleston and Mr. Francis Beamonte.

Order that Mr. John Lewes shall—upon the open publishing of his reconciliation in matters of religion already testified by the Bishop of London, and on taking the oath of true obedience and promising to receive the communion within convenient time according to a former order—be re-admitted to this former ancienty without paying anything for the same.

PARLIAMENT held on 15 May, 22 Elizabeth, A.D. 1580, before GEORGE BROMLEY, THOMAS MARYETT, THOMAS RYSDEN, ROBERT HALTON, and others. EDWARD FLOWERDEWE, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner :—Mr. Somner and Mr. Hughes.

"Mr. Nedeham is remitted into commons without any fine in respect that he hath been at further charges in the House."

Order that the orders and laws made for pleading at Westminster and the residue of the orders set forth by parliament in 16 Elizabeth, shall on the first day of next term be published for an admonishment, and thereupon to be executed accordingly.

PARLIAMENT held on 5 June, 22 Elizabeth, A.D. 1580, before SIR GEORGE BROMELEY, knight, justice of Chester and attorney general of the Duchy of Lancaster, RICHARD LONE, THOMAS RYSDEN, ROBERT HALTON, and others. EDWARD FLOWERDEWE, elected serjeant at law, treasurer.

Mr. John Thomas re-admitted into commons, without paying any fine.

Special admission of Mr. William Layton, the son of William Layton, esquire, one of the bench, without paying any fine.

The motion made on behalf of William Smythe, one of the butlers, for an allowance for nine weeks during his sickness, referred to the treasurer.[1]

Special admission of Mr. Richard Lee for a fine of 20*s.*

Whereas Mr. Monke was lately admitted for 5*li.*, it is ordered that for 40*s.* more he shall have a special admission.

Michael Lenton, the cook, is amerced 20*s.* for his misdemeanour, and it is ordered that because he has committed divers offences, he shall have two admonitions.

In consideration of the good services of Richard Ledsham, now steward, and George Ledsham, his brother, it is ordered that the said George shall have the reversion of the office of steward so that at the requisite time he put in such sureties and do all other things to the liking of the bench.

PARLIAMENT held on 12 June, 22 Elizabeth, A.D. 1580, before Sir GEORGE BROMLEY, knight, justice of Chester and attorney general of the Duchy of Lancaster, ROBERT HALTON, elected serjeant at law, ROBERT WITHE, THOMAS RYSDEN, and others. EDWARD FLOWERDEWE, treasurer.

"It is ordered that if any of the outer bar shall discover the secrets in parliament, they shall be disabled at all times after for their preferment in coming to the bench, and that if any butler or other officer being admonished thereof, shall after offend again in that behalf, he shall for the first offence pay such a fine as the bench shall assess, and for the second offence be put out of office. Provided always that this order shall not extend unto any person that shall publish any orders or laws there established."

"It is ordered that such orders as heretofore have been set down for ambitious seekers to come to the bar by letters or foreign messages, shall be put in execution without favour, but it is not meant that anything which shall be done by great men of the House and others in commons shall be within this order. And it is also

[1] At the end is "*allocatur.*"

ordered that if any shall by private suit or otherwise go about and labour to be called to the bar, he shall be puisne of that call, and it shall be noted by whose suit he was called and as one that attained the same *per ambitum*."

"It is further ordered that such laws and orders as heretofore have been set down and agreed upon by the lords of her Majesty's Privy Council concerning practisers in the law, as appeareth by parliament here holden in the 16th year of the Queen's Majesty to be confirmed, shall be duly put in execution accordingly, and it is ordered that none shall set their hands to any bill or plea in the Star Chamber or plead there upon the hearing of causes, but such as are readers in this House, and that none shall move any causes or orders there but such as are or then shall be called to the bench, upon pain that every one offending to be put out of commons and disabled to be called to the bench and pay such fine as is to be set down for such as shall be put out of commons."

PARLIAMENT held on 19 June, 22 Elizabeth, A.D. 1580, before Sir GEORGE BROMLEY, knight, justice of Chester and attorney general of the Duchy of Lancaster, ROBERT WITHE, THOMAS RYSDEN, and others. EDWARD FLOWERDEWE, elected serjeant at law, treasurer.

Mr. William Hillyarde, Mr. Edward Drewe, Mr. William Hewes, Mr. Henry Beamonte, and Mr. John Cowper are called to the bench and to take their places hereafter as shall be thought good. And it is agreed, notwithstanding this their calling, that such of them, who have not as yet been stewards of the reader's dinner, shall hereafter be stewards thereof, as it should have come to their turn if they had not been called.

Order that Mr. Hewes and Mr. Cowper be stewards of the reader's dinner next summer vacation, and Mr. Somner be spared for this time.

Order that ancienty be saved to Mr. Somner, Mr. Dolman, Mr. William Lee, and Mr. Morgan if they shall be called to the bench when or before the five above appointed shall take their places, "and so also as they shall read before them."

PARLIAMENT held on 13 October, 22 Elizabeth, A.D. 1580, before ROBERT HALTON, elected serjeant at law, RICHARD LONE, THOMAS MARYETT, THOMAS RYSDEN, and others.

Auditors for the steward's accounts :—Mr. Smaleman, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Bondevile, and Mr. Skott.

Auditors for the treasurer's accounts :—Mr. Pagrave, Mr. Wyatt, Mr. Davies, and Mr. Wrothe.

Treasurer :—Mr. Rysden.

Order that Mr. Serjeant Halton shall have a special admission allowed him for his double reading in Lent last and the same to be taken when it shall please him, notwithstanding his departure from the House.

In respect of information given that Francis Gill, gent., has carefully brought up the only daughter of Mr. Robert Gynes, formerly one of the benchers and readers of this House, and also that he was of kin to the said Mr. Gynes, it is ordered that Henry Gyll, son of the said Francis, shall be generally admitted upon paying 40*s.*

Order that the fine of 20*s.* set upon the master cook in Trinity term, be remitted, but the rest of his punishment to be in force.

PARLIAMENT held on 16 October, 22 Elizabeth, A.D. 1580, before RICHARD LONE, THOMAS MARRIETT, RANDOLPH HURLESTON, JOHN PAGRAVE, and others.

Order that Lewis Darte shall pay for his general admission only 20*s.*, the residue, being 4*li.*, is remitted at the request of George Wyott, the said Lewis being his ward and brother in law.

Order that Bassingborne Gawdy and Philip Gawdy be pardoned for their absence from the last summer vacation because their sickness was well known, upon condition that they shall serve another vacation for the same.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 22 Elizabeth, A.D. 1580, before ROBERT WYTHE, THOMAS MARRIETT, RANULPH HURLESTON, JOHN PAGRAVE, ANDREW GRAY, and others. THOMAS RISDEN, treasurer.

The same officers for Christmas are elected as were nominated last year because nothing was then done in that behalf, viz. :—

Stewards :—Sir Rowland Hayward, Sir Richard Baker, and Sir Thomas Lucas.

Marshal :—Mr. Dutton, Mr. Freke, and Mr. Bushopp.

Butler :—Mr. Seybright, Mr. Kirton, and Mr. Grymes.

Pension assessed at 4*s.* because Mr. Edward Flowerdewe and Mr. Robert Halton took upon them the degree of serjeants at law in the quindenes of Saint Michael last past.

Mr. John Forde, chief prothonotary of the Common Pleas, is called to the bench.

Order that Mr. Andrew Mallorie be re-admitted to commons upon paying a fine of 40*s.*

Reader for Lent vacation :—Mr. Ranulph Hurleston.

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. John Pagrave and Mr. Francis Beamont.

Order that Mr. Harrison, for not stopping up the back door of his new building, according to a former order, shall lose his term of twenty one years which he has therein, and that he be warned again to stop it up this side the end of this term upon pain of losing his whole privilege and choice of admittances to the said new buildings.

Whereas by a former order Mr. Marden, upon the discontinuance of Mr. Hilliard, was admitted to the chamber of the said Mr. Hilliard, upon condition that he should repair it, saving the right of Mr. Hilliard, if he should come again to continue in the said chamber and recompense the same Mr. Marden the costs of the repairs; and now the said Mr. Hilliard has returned and continues in the same chamber, no repairs having been done by Mr. Marden, but Mr. Hilliard is driven to do the same, it is therefore ordered that Mr. Marden stand no longer admitted to the said chamber.

"Whereas also Mr. William Parry, fellow of this House, for the abuse by him done towards Mr. Hugh Hare, one of the utter

barristers, coming into his chamber violently and there grievously wounded him with a dagger to the great peril of death, upon which so doing he was forthwith taken and carried to prison, where he still remaineth to be further punished as in such case appertaineth. And yet in this mean season, for the offence done thereby to this House in committing so horrible a fact inexcusable, some example would be made in show of utter misliking thereof, wherefore it is now ordered at this present parliament that the same Mr. Parrie shall be from henceforth no longer of this fellowship but utterly secluded and expulsed the House for ever."

Special admission of Mr. William Robynson at the request of Mr. Serjeant Halton, reader in Lent last past.

PARLIAMENT held on 13 November, 22 Elizabeth, A.D. 1580, before RICHARD LONE, ROBERT WITH, THOMAS MARRIETT, JOHN PAGRAVE, ANDREW GRAY, and others.

Special admission of Christopher Roper, gent., son of John Roper, esquire, at the request of Sir Christopher Hatton, knight, vice chamberlain and one of the Privy Council, without paying anything for the same.

Special admission of John Hungerford, at the request of Sir Roger Manhoode, knight, lord chief baron of the Exchequer, without paying anything for the same.

General admission of —— Wythe at the request of Robert Wythe, a bencher, paying only 20*s.* for the same.

General admission of Mr. Thomas Alford, at the request of Mr. Serjeant Flowerdew, paying only 50*s.* for the same.

Like general admission of Mr. —— Duncombe, paying only 5 marks for the same.

Touching the motion on behalf of Mr. Hugh Wyott for his preferment to be called to the outer bar, it is ordered it shall be moved again next term "with good likelihood of speed" so that he, in this mean time, receive the holy communion in the Temple church.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 November, 23 Elizabeth, A.D. 1580, before RICHARD LONE, THOMAS MARRIETT, RANULPH HURLESTON, JOHN PAGRAVE, ANDREW GREY, and others.

Special admission of Edward Bromeley, gent., son of Sir George Bromeley, knight, being of no House before, without paying anything for the same.

Mr. Gawen re-admitted to commons without any fine "so that he repair all faults of late brought to his charge which happened by reason of his not building."

Order for Mr. Staughton, Mr. Ley, Mr. Littelton and Mr. Batt to be restored to commons, without paying any fine.

Like order for Mr. Spencer.

Licence to Mr. Crompton, the chirographer, to build where he desires, so that he builds in all points according to the motion made on his behalf.

Mr. Harrison to have further time till Christmas next to wall up his back door, and if he does this he shall not lose the whole privilege and choice of admittances as by a former order he would.

Order, that Mr. Walter shall be admitted to the chamber which Mr. Serjeant Flowerdew lately had and wherein Mr. Bullock stands admitted, and shall have ancienty there with the consent of Mr. Bullock. And he shall have the sole use of the said chamber so long as he comes up from time to time and continues "as a termer," at which time Mr. Bullock shall go back to his old chamber.

Order that William Pickard,[1] one of the butlers, shall before next term purge himself of the offences laid to his charge "in forfeiture of his office" or to be no longer a butler, but Ragland Vaughan appointed in his place, and although he purge himself, yet he shall serve in person and not by deputy without the consent of the treasurer, and his present deputy be no longer allowed to serve for him.

[1] In the margin is, "Pickard that was absent a twelvemonth."

PARLIAMENT held on 29 January, 23 Elizabeth, A.D. 1580-1, before RICHARD LONE, ROBERT WYTHE, THOMAS MARRIET, RANULPH HURLESTON, JOHN PAGRAVE, and others. THOMAS RYSDEN, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner at the next vacation:—Mr. Dolmen and Mr. Tredwaye.

Allowance of 4*li.* to the company who kept Christmas commons, and a warning be given for the reformation next Christmas of certain abuses of which there was complaint at this time.

Order that the officers who were in town and not allowed their commons at Christmas shall have board wages, as in time past, viz., 3*s.* 4*d.*

Mr. Somner, one of the outer bar, shall be discharged from being steward of the reader's dinner for ever, unless he be called to the bench.

"Touching the motion now made in the behalf of the preacher for his continuance, it is agreed there shall be some conference used therein with the other House, and that Mr. Treasurer, Mr. Marriett, Mr. Hurleston, and Mr. Hare are now appointed for the same conference."

At the request of Mr. Wyth of the bench, the general admission of his nephew Mr. Thomas Wythe to be turned into a special one.

PARLIAMENT held on 12 February, 23 Elizabeth, A.D. 1580-1, before RICHARD LONE, ROBERT WITHE, THOMAS MARRIETT, RANULPH HURLESTON, JOHN PAGRAVE, and others.

Special admission of Thomas Jobson at the request of the Earl of Leicester, without paying anything for the same.

Order that Mr. Hugh Wyott having received the holy communion in term time, shall from henceforth be one of the outer bar.

Order that if the utter barristers, for saving their vacations, keep themselves in commons in vacation time and yet be absent or not resident here, contrary to the effect and true meaning of a former order in that behalf, they shall nevertheless pay their commons,

yet their so doing to be held for not keeping such vacation but a losing thereof, as if they had not been so in commons at all.

"It is ordered that the preacher we now have shall be so allowed to continue if he bring recommendations of his good behaviour either from the Bishop of London or else from other two bishops whatsoever being of the High Commission, and that he also do preach two other days weekly besides the Sunday, and the Sunday at his own pleasure and that he also do preach in his gown or some other decent apparel and not in a cloak."

Order that Mr. Crompton shall proceed with his new building as he was licensed, so that it is not hurtful to the prospect of the hall as by the view of Mr. Grey, Mr. Smalman, and Mr. Cowper it shall be seen and allowed. And he shall have liberty during his life to make choice of any fellow of the House to be admitted into any part of the same, paying for such admission, and also paying for his office such rent as was before paid for the old Office of Fines.

Licence to Mr. Harrison and Mr. Gawen to bargain together for Mr. Harrison's chamber or chambers "so that he thereupon remain no longer admitted there."

PARLIAMENT held on 16 April, 23 Elizabeth, A.D. 1581, before RICHARD LONE, THOMAS MARRIETT, JOHN PAGRAVE, and others.

Reader for the summer vacation :—Mr. Francis Beamont.

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Pagrave and Mr. Smalman.

Order that Mr. Hele, Mr. Hanchett, and Mr. Stone be restored to commons.

Order that Mr. Waller shall pay for his general admission but 50*s.* the residue, being 50*s.*, is remitted at the request of Mr. Dolman, one of the outer bar.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 May, 23 Elizabeth, A.D. 1581, before THOMAS MARRIETT, EDMUND WALTER, RANULPH HURLESTON, esquires, and others. THOMAS RISDEN being treasurer.

Each thing moved at this parliament was set over to be moved again at the next parliament.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 May, 23 Elizabeth, A.D. 1581, before RICHARD LONE, RANULPH HURLESTON, NICHOLAS HARE, JOHN BULLOCK, and others.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Mr. Saunders and Mr. Williams.

Special admission of Thomas Crompton, esquire, at the request of Thomas Rysden, esquire, reader in Lent 1578.

Special admission of John Morley, esquire, at the request of Ranulph Hurleston, esquire, reader for Lent last past.

General admission of Henry Hodgeson, gent., at the request of Mr. Crompton, and in consideration of the great charges to be bestowed by Mr. Crompton in building the Fine Office, the said Henry paying only 5 marks, the rest, being 5 nobles, is released.

At the request of the lord chief justice of the Common Pleas Edward Hancock, his near kinsman, is specially admitted without paying anything for the same.

"In consideration that Thomas Crompton, esquire, fellow of this House, doth take upon him to his great charge to erect and build an office, with divers chambers, lodgings, and rooms over it and to the same adjoining, within the compass of the Garden or Little Court of this House, where Sir George Bromeley, knight, hath a chamber which will hereafter in time become and grow to the great benefit of the same House," it is therefore enacted that the said Thomas may build upon the said Garden in the place assigned, that is to say, "from the south corner of the brick wall of the said Garden along the said brick wall, north, towards the Middle Temple Gate, in length 57 feet, and in breadth, from the said wall into the Garden, 22 feet; and moreover on the east side of the said building, into the said Garden, adjoining to the said building, 14 feet square; and likewise on the east side of the said building, for two staircases, 8 feet square a piece." It is further enacted that the said Thomas Crompton shall have and enjoy during his natural life all the said new buildings, paying yearly 40*s.*, and all admittances to the same during the said time, without his written consent to be void. And it is further enacted that John Morlye, esquire, fellow of this House, shall, after the decease of the said Thomas Crompton, have the same buildings with like privileges

during his life, paying yearly 3*li.* And after the decease of the said Thomas Crompton and John Morlye, one Henry Hodgeson, gent., a fellow of this House, shall in like manner have the same buildings for term of his life, paying yearly 4*li.* And it shall be lawful for the said Thomas, John, and Henry, in their several times, to nominate any person, being a fellow of this House, to be admitted to any chamber of the said buildings, and the treasurer for the time being shall accept and admit such person, provided there be not above two persons in any one chamber.

Touching the petition of the clerk of the church to have an estate in the little house he lately built by licence, to him and his assigns during his life, he providing yearly during the said term a lantern and candle-light every night in the same place, from the feast of St. Michael to the feast of the Annunciation, at his own costs, it is granted that the said clerk, in consideration thereof, shall have the said building during his natural life for his own use, without assigning the same to any other.

PARLIAMENT held on 11 June, 23 Elizabeth, A.D. 1581, before RICHARD LONE, ROBERT WYTHE, THOMAS MARRIETT, EDMUND WALTER, RANULPH HURLESTON, JOHN PAGRAVE, and others.

General admission of Francis Fortescue and William Fortescue, gentlemen, being of no house before, at the motion of Sir Thomas Bromeley, knight, lord chancellor of England, paying only 20*s.* each.

Mr. Andrew Mallorie, Mr. John Parker, and Mr. William Baker are called to the bar, and to take their places accordingly.

PARLIAMENT held on 5 November, 23 Elizabeth, A.D. 1581, before THOMAS MARRIET, EDMUND WALTER, RANULPH HURLESTON, JOHN PAGRAVE, and others.

The officers for Christmas are elected.

Steward :—Sir Rowland Hayward, Sir Richard Baker, and Sir Thomas Lucas.

Marshal :—Mr. Wryte, Mr. Freyke, and Mr. Bushopp.

Butler:—Mr. Seybryght, Mr. Kyrton, and Mr. Gynes.

Pensions assessed at *2s.*

Allowance to the officers of their board wages is granted as usual.

Reader for Lent vacation:—Mr. John Pagrave.

Attendants on the reader:—Mr. Gray and Mr. Smalman.

Special admission of Mr. —— Strowde and Mr. Bamont, being of no House before, at the request of Sir Francis Beamont and Mr. Edward Drewe, benchers, paying each of them 20*s.*

General admission of Mr. Revett, paying 5 marks for the same, the rest being remitted him because his uncle is a bencher.

Mr. Laurence Radford, now prothonotary of the Common Pleas, upon the death of Mr. Lone, is allowed to keep his office in the place where Mr. Lone did, and for the same rent.

Order that the preacher shall continue at our pleasure and with the same allowance of his pension, so that he does in all things observe the former order taken in Hilary term.

Auditors for the steward's accounts:—Mr. Hyllyerd, Mr. Henry Beamont, Mr. Davye, and Mr. Wrothe.

Auditors for the treasurer's accounts:—Mr. Hare, Mr. Goldyng, Mr. Woteley, and Mr. Ley.

Treasurer:—Mr. Walter.

Mr. John Warde, Mr. William Hyll, and Mr. William Gradbage called to the outer bar and took their places accordingly, but the call of Mr. Bridges postponed till the next call of utter barristers.

Order that the money which will remain due upon this treasurer's account shall be delivered to Mr. Nicholas Hare to the use of the House, and he therewith to purchase the inheritance of Lion's Inn, if he may, and to be accountable for the same.

PARLIAMENT held on 26 November, 24 Elizabeth, A.D. 1581, before THOMAS MARRYETT, THOMAS RISDEN, RANULPH HURLESTON, and NICHOLAS HARE. EDMUND WALTER being treasurer.

Bryan Crowther, one of the bar, discharged of his fine of 40*s.* for non-attendance in the summer vacation, 1581, because he affirms that he departed homeward, both he and his man, very sick, of which

sickness his man afterwards died, and he hardly escaped; yet although he is discharged from further attendance he shall pay 20*s*.

Special admission of Thomas Aynesworthe, at the request of Lord Buckhurst, paying only 5 marks for the same.

Special admission of Thomas Sherley, son and heir apparent of Sir Thomas Sherley, knight, at the request of John Cowper, esquire, one of the benchers, paying for the same 5*li*., he not having been of any House of Chancery before.

Special admission of James Walter, son and heir apparent of Edmund Walter, esquire, now treasurer.

At the request of Sir Thomas Bromley, knight, lord chancellor, it is ordered that George Lyttleton be remembered at the next call of utter barristers, his sufficiency for that place being testified by the greater part of the bench and bar.

At the request of Sir Roger Manwood, knight, lord chief baron, it is ordered that Mr. Okley be remembered at the next call to the bar, if it is thought meet by the benchers.

Order that for the levying of the pension to be paid to the preacher of the Temple, everyone of this fellowship in commons at any time within the term, shall pay 8*d*. every term.

"Forasmuch as it is well seen that the number of utter barristers does increase in such abundance within this House, that if order be not taken for the calling of fewer to the bar from henceforth than heretofore of late hath been used, the whole House will scarce suffice for the receipt of utter barristers only, which inconvenience is meant to be prevented as may stand with the ancient orders of this House. It is therefore ordered that all letters hereafter to be directed to the treasurer and masters of the bench or otherwise for the calling of any one of this Society to the bar, and all messages and requests by any manner of means or ways to be made for that or the like intent or purpose by or from any person or persons of what estate degree or calling soever he be of, shall be respected as a matter against the ancient order of this House, and the same person, for whom any such letter shall happen to be sent or request made, shall from thenceforth be utterly disabled to receive any degree within this House."[1]

[1] In the margin is "Vide 5 Januarii, 15 Elizabeth."

PARLIAMENT held on the Vigil of St. Thomas the Apostle, 24 Elizabeth, A.D. 1581, before NICHOLAS HARE, HUMPHREY SMYTHE, THOMAS SMALMAN, and others. EDMUND WALTER, treasurer.

Officers for the feast of Christmas.

Stewards :—Sir Richard Baker, knight, and Sir Thomas Lucas, knight, being called, did not appear, but alleged by their letters that they had special admissions, as appears. Rowland Hayward being called did not appear.

Marshals :—Mr. Wryght, the elder, Mr. Freyke and Mr. Busshoppe, being called, did not appear.

Butler :—Mr. Sebright was called and did not appear, but by his letter undertook the same office. Mr. Kirton and Mr. Grymes were called and did not appear.

Order, that an allowance of money shall be made to two beadles to receive such rogues as shall be found within the precincts of the Temple from time to time between this and the next term. And twice at least or thrice, if need be, the gardener's men and the under cooks, during the time of these Christmas holidays, shall make privy searches within the precincts of this House for rogues, and help to carry them to Bridewell or to some other place of punishment.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 January, 24 Elizabeth, A.D. 1581-2, before THOMAS MARRIETT, THOMAS RISDEN, RANULPH HURLESTON, NICHOLAS HARE, and others.

Stewards for the reader's dinner in Lent next :—Mr. Rowland Hynde and Mr. William Lee. And if Mr. Hynde be grieved that Mr. Henry Beamount, being of the bench, is not steward before him, then Mr. Beamount to be one of the stewards.

The officers chosen for Christmas who did not exercise their offices, to be fined, viz. :—

Stewards :—Sir Richard Baker, Sir Thomas Lucas, and Sir Rowland Hayward fined 10*li.* each.

Marshals :—Mr. Wryght, the elder, Mr. Freyk, and Mr. Busshoppe fined 5*li.* each.

Butler:—Mr. Sebright offered himself, therefore nothing, but Mr. Kirton, the elder, and Mr. Grymes fined 5*li.* each.

Order that Mr. Richard Broughton be re-admitted to commons.

Admission of Sir Francis Drake, knight, upon a fine at the discretion of the treasurer.

Mr. Radford is admitted to the chief place of the bar.

Special admission of Thomas Harfflett, paying 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.* "Note, I have not received the money."

PARLIAMENT held on 11 February, 24 Elizabeth, A.D. 1581-2, before THOMAS MARRYETT, THOMAS RYSDEN, RANULPH HURLESTON, JOHN PAGRAVE, and others.

Special admission of Mr. Andrew Newport, at the request of the lord chancellor, paying 40*s.* for the same.

Special admissions of Mr. Nicholas Brand and Mr. John Bodley, paying 20 nobles each.

Special admission of Mr. Matthew Browne, son and heir of Sir Thomas Browne, knight, paying 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

Order for the officers of the House being in town this Christmas and not having their commons in the House, to have for their board wages as in times past 3*s.* 4*d.* a week each.

Mr. Gawdy, B., and his brother are pardoned their absences from the last vacation, if they will serve next Lent vacation for the same.

Order that Mr. Lamson shall deliver up possession of his chambers, which he took by lease of Mr. Alvay, to the said Mr. Alvay within ten days, upon pain of expulsion from the House.

The matter of Mr. Rugeley's loss of vacations referred to the bench table.

PARLIAMENT held on 6 May, 24 Elizabeth, A.D. 1582, before THOMAS MARRIETT, THOMAS RYSDENE, JOHN PAGRAVE, NICHOLAS HARE, and others.

Reader for next summer vacation:—Mr. Thomas Smaleman.

Everything else moved at this parliament referred to the next parliament.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 May, 24 Elizabeth, A.D. 1582, before ROBERT WYTHE, THOMAS MARRIET, RANULPH HURLESTON, NICHOLAS HARE, and others.

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Grey and Mr. Hillyard.

Special admission of Ralph Tilston at the request of Edmund Walter, esquire, treasurer, and reader in Lent, 1579.

PARLIAMENT held on 17 June, 24 Elizabeth, A.D. 1582, before ROBERT WITHE, THOMAS MARRYET, THOMAS RISDEN, RANULPH HURLESTON, and others.

Stewards of the reader's dinner :—Edward Morgan and Thomas Melforde.

Order that Gruffith Williams and John Lewys, gentlemen, shall at the next call of utter barristers be placed at the bar whether they happen to be then present or absent.

At the request of Sir Thomas Bromley, knight, lord chancellor, it is ordered that William Glaseor, esquire, vice-chamberlain of the County Palatine of Chester, shall be from henceforth an utter barrister and be allowed to take his place at the bar before any of the bar, saving Lawrence Radford, esquire, to whom the chief place there is granted, the said Mr. Glaseor taking the oath of supremacy as others who are called to the bar are bound to do by the laws and statutes of the realm.

PARLIAMENT held on 1 July, 24 Elizabeth, A.D. 1582, before ROBERT WYTHE, THOMAS MARYET, THOMAS RYSDEN, JOHN PAGRAVE, and others.

Special admission of Mr. Thomas Thomson under Mr. Pagrave's special admission.

Special admission of Mr. Hugh Brooker, paying 5*li.*

Special admission of Mr. Thomas Rous, paying 5*li.*

Special admission of Mr. Giles Rysden, son and heir of Mr.

Thomas Rysden, one of the bench, and that gratis by the privilege of his father.

Mr. William Glasier, lately called to the bar, is discharged from all learnings and charges wherewith an utter barrister is chargeable, in respect whereof his son, being chosen one of the stewards of the reader's drinking, shall take upon him that charge.

Mr. Purfrey to have the next vacant chamber for an utter barrister.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 January, 25 Elizabeth, A.D. 1582-3, before THOMAS MARYET, THOMAS RYSDEN, RANULPH HUDDLESTON, JOHN PAGRAVE, and others. EDMUND WALTER being treasurer.

Pensions assessed at *2s.*

Reader :—Mr. Graye.

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Hylliorde and Mr. Bullocke.

Stewards for the reader's dinner :—Mr. Nuttell and Mr. Waterhouse.

Auditors for the steward's account :—Mr. Smalman, Mr. Drew, Mr. Nuttell, and Mr. Cocke.

Auditors for the treasurer's account :—Mr. Maryot, Mr. Smyth, Mr. Davyes, and Mr. Heale.

Treasurer :—Mr. Huddleston.

"For that it is thought a convenient thing to have overseers in the church for church causes, whose office shall be to note the absence of all such as shall not usually come and resort to the church and receive the communion (as by the laws and statutes of this realm they ought to do) and that good and decent order be used in the church at the time of divine service, it is ordered that for that purpose Mr. Alva may name two gentlemen of every House, such as he can persuade to take upon them that office and charge, and therewithal such as the benchers of the same Houses shall well like and allow of. Which said overseers shall from time to time signify the names of the offenders unto the aforesaid Mr. Alva, by whose private admonition if the said offenders shall not reform themselves, then as well the names of the same offenders as the nature of their offence shall be disclosed unto the benchers of that House whereof

the offender shall be, and thereupon the said benchers shall take such order touching the same as to them shall be thought meet and convenient."

"Item, there shall be at the charges of both Houses a great standing box, well bound with iron, set in some convenient place in the church, that such as have any disposition to give to the relief of the poor may put their money into the said box, which shall have two keys, whereof the treasurer of either House to have one. And that the money so given shall be employed to the relief of prisoners or to such other charitable uses as to the benchers of both Houses shall be thought meet and convenient."

"Item, that out of the term time the ordinary service in the church shall not begin in the morning before seven of the clock, and in the term time not until half an hour after six."

"Item, that the communion shall be ministered four times in the year and that in such order as the laws and her Majesty's injunctions do prescribe and allow of, and not in any other manner."

"Item, that a butler of every House shall be appointed to keep the choir (*quyer*) door that no woman come into the said choir, and moreover that they, the said butlers, do their endeavours to keep out of the said choir all other strangers, except noblemen and knights."

Reversion of the office of master-cook granted to Ambrose Jasper, now cook to Sir Thomas Bromley, knight, lord chancellor of England, upon the death or retirement of Michael Lenton, now master-cook.

General admission of Mr. Thomas Ball for five marks.

Special admission of Mr. Godfrey Frenche, son and heir of John Frenche, late bencher of this House, without payment.

General admission of Francis Eaton for 40*s*.

Order that the back door through the wall of Mr. Kelaway's garden shall be stopped up.

Order that the place where Mr. Richard Lone lately kept his office [1] shall be chambers for the butlers of the House and none other.

Allowance, as formerly, to the officers for their board wages from the time that commons broke up till they began again.

[1] In the margin is "In the Temple Lane."

"Mr. Hall, the musician, is to have the like allowance for Michaelmas term last, as he hath heretofore had in the same term when the term hath not been holden by reason of the plague."[1]

PARLIAMENT held on 10 February, 25 Elizabeth, A.D. 1582-3, before ROBERT WYTHE, THOMAS MARYETT, THOMAS RYSDON, JOHN PAGRAVE, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAY, and others.

Order for the general admission of Ralph Cavandish for 20*s.*

Order for the general admission of Nicholas Saunder for 20*s.*

Order for the general admission of Thomas Massingeberd for 20*s.*

Order for the general admission of William Lockye for 20*s.*

Order that the glover shall have the shop under the Gate, paying yearly to the treasurer a pair of gloves.

Order for the special admission of Michael Smalepage for 40*s.*

George Littleton and Thomas Bridges called to the bar.

Wydnell and Jackeson are by this parliament taken into commons again.

PARLIAMENT held on 21 April, 25 Elizabeth, A.D. 1583, before ROBERT WYTHE, THOMAS MARYETTE, EDMUND WALTER, JOHN PAGRAVE, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAY, and others. RANULPH HURLESTON, treasurer.

Pensions assessed according to the old order at 2*s.*

Reader for the summer vacation :—Mr. Hullyard.

Mr. Hillyard to be fined 5*li.* for non-attendance at the last reading, unless he can show sufficient cause to excuse his absence.[2]

Mr. Wilcokes is specially admitted as the son of Mr. William Wilcockes, late one of the benchers.

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Bullocke and Mr. Drewe.

Special admission of Henry Machen for 40*s.*

General admission of Matthew Herbert for 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

[1] Note :—"Vide 15 June, 20 Elizabeth."

[2] Marginal note :—"Vide ante, 10 Oct., 10 Eliz."

The calling of Mr. Kyrton to the bar is deferred for consideration.

Special admission of Anthony Rous.

PARLIAMENT held on 12 May, 25 Elizabeth, A.D. 1583, before ROBERT WITHE, THOMAS MARYOTT, EDMUND WALTER, and others.

Whereas Lawrence Radford, esquire, Hugh Brooker, and Michael Smalepage, gentlemen, by licence of the benchers, have at their charges built two offices, with divers chambers and garrets over the same, within the Garden or Little Court where Mr. Nicholas Hare, one of the benchers, has a chamber, which newly built rooms will hereafter be very beneficial to the House, in consideration whereof it is enacted that the said Lawrence Radford shall wholly have and enjoy for the term of his natural life, the office next adjoining the buildings lately erected by Thomas Crompton, chirographer, with two chambers and a garret over the said office, paying yearly 13*s.* 4*d.*; and no person shall be admitted to the same office, chambers, and garret during the said time without the consent in writing of the said Lawrence or without his subscribing the treasurer's Book of Admissions. And likewise the said Hugh Brooker shall wholly have and enjoy for his natural life three chambers and two garrets, next to the chambers of the said Lawrence Radford, standing in the middle of the building of the said Lawrence, Hugh, and Michael, paying yearly 13*s.* 4*d.*; and no person shall be admitted to the same during the life of the said Hugh without his consent in writing. And in like manner the said Michael Smalepage shall wholly have and enjoy for his natural life the other office, with three chambers and one garret over the said office, paying yearly 13*s.* 4*d.*; and no person shall be admitted to the same during the life of the said Michael without his consent in writing. And further it shall be lawful for the executors, administrators, or assigns, respectively of the said Lawrence within six years after his death and of the said Hugh and Michael within two years after their deaths, to appoint two other persons, being fellows of the House, who shall respectively enjoy the said offices with chambers and garrets, for term of their lives or the longer liver of them. And it shall be lawful for the said Lawrence, Hugh, and Michael to nominate persons, being fellows of the House,

to be admitted to the said chambers, and the treasurer shall accept and admit such persons without any payment for the same, other than the ordinary duties belonging to the House.[1]

PARLIAMENT held on 2 June, 25 Elizabeth, A.D. 1583, before ROBERT WITHE, THOMAS MARIET, and others. RANULPH HURLESTON, treasurer.

Special admission granted to Mr. Roger Halton, son of Mr. Serjeant Halton, deceased.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Mr. Cocke and Mr. Davyes.

General admission of Mr. Playfere for 20*s.*

William Knight received into commons again.

Braddy received into commons again.

The gardener's wife's suit is respited.

Special admission of John Mansfeld, gent., and he is to compound with the treasurer for the same.

PARLIAMENT held on 16 June, 25 Elizabeth, A.D. 1583, before ROBERT WYTHE, THOMAS MARYETTE, JOHN PAGRAVE, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAY, and others.

Paul Crooke is re-admitted into commons again.

Special admission of Nicholas Saunders for such a sum as the treasurer shall think fit.

Whereas Huntington Beamonte, Edward Osborne, John Stumpe, Walter Caradine, and Henry Gill, fellows of this House, have obtained all the interest which Thomas Harryson had by virtue of an act of parliament, in three several rooms, viz. :—a gallery, a middle chamber, and a lower chamber, in the south end of his building in the Garden, it is ordered that the said Huntington, Edward, John, Walter, and Henry shall be admitted to the said several rooms, and not above three persons to be admitted to the same, and such persons to continue and be in commons and not to discontinue from the same.[2]

[1] Note:—"See an act of parliament made on 8 May, 39 Elizabeth, for an augmentation of building to these chambers."

[2] Marginal note:—"Harrison's Rents. Vide 12 Feb., 23 Eliz."

Order that from henceforth Thomas Harryson shall not claim any right, title, or interest in the said chamber, but be excluded and barred therefrom, any act of parliament heretofore made to the contrary notwithstanding. And it is further ordered at the request of Francis Beamounte, one of the benchers of this House, that the said Huntington, Edward, John, Walter, and Henry shall not pay more for their admittances than 20*s.*, but hereafter the usual sum for admittance shall be charged.

PARLIAMENT held on 13 October, 25 Elizabeth, A.D. 1583, before THOMAS MARYETTE, JOHN PAGRAVE, and others.

Mr. Stanhope received into commons again without fine.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 25 Elizabeth, A.D. 1583, before ROBERT WYTHE, THOMAS MARYETT, THOMAS RYSDON, EDMUND WALTER, and others.

Pension assessed, according to the old order, at 2*s.*

Whereas on 31 October last the treasurer admitted Robert Williams to a chamber lately erected by George Nedham, and afterwards one Ridgley became a suitor to the treasurer to be admitted to the same chamber, which the treasurer deferred to do, but on 2 November admitted John Mansfyld to the same; and whereas it appears that the said Ridgley had compounded with the said Nedham for the same chamber, and had expended some money in making a study there, it is therefore ordered that the admittance of the said Robert Williams shall stand, and the said Ridgley be admitted to the same and enjoy the study erected by him, paying the ordinary duties of the House, and repaying the said John Mansfield 20*s.*, which the said John had paid for his admittance. And it is further ordered "that if it may hereafter be proved that the said Ridgley hath made any persuasion to any of the fellows, that now are or have been of this House, either to draw them to popery or confirm them in the same, that then the said Ridgeley shall not only lose the benefit of this order but also of the fellowship of this House."

General admission of Mr. Ridgwey for 50*s.*

Reader for Lent next :—Mr. Drewe.

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Wyate and Mr. Hughes.

Auditors for the treasurer's accounts :—Mr. Francis Beamont, Mr. Smaleman, Mr. Crowther, and Mr. Molford.

Auditors for the steward's accounts :—Mr. Pigotte, Mr. Hare, Mr. Scotte, and Mr. Towse.

Officers for Christmas :—

Steward :—Sir Richard Baker, Sir Thomas Lucas, and Sir Roland Haworth, knights.

Marshal :—Mr. Wright, the elder, Mr. Freyke, and Mr. Busshoppe.

Butler :—Mr. Sebright, Mr. Kyrton, the elder, and Mr. Grymes.

The matter concerning Mr. Glasse remitted to the next parliament.

Special admissions granted to Trentham and Sneyde for 5*li.* each.

Treasurer :—Mr. Pagrave.

"All the gentlemen of this House that were put out of the House or out of commons this term for coming to the bench table in the reading in the last summer vacation, except Mr. Aldford and Paul Crooke, are received into the House and into commons again. Provided nevertheless that the same gentlemen, so received, shall, before their coming into commons, come to the bench table and tender every one of them 40*s.*, according to the orders of the House, *quos soluerunt*." [1]

PARLIAMENT held on 24 November, 26 Elizabeth, A.D. 1583, before ROBERT WYTHE, THOMAS MARYETT, and others. JOHN PAGRAVE, treasurer.

Special admission granted to John Mede for 40*s.*

General admission granted to John Chychester, at the request of Mr. Wyett, for 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Mr. Machyn re-admitted into commons.

Order that Mr. Glas be newly admitted into the House and pay

[1] Marginal note :—"Vide 15 Nov., 3 and 4 Phil. and Mary."

such fine as if he had never before been admitted. And he shall pay all such duties as are owing by him, in respect whereof he shall enjoy the benefit of his ancienty in the House.

Mr. Hawys and Mr. Henshawe are pardoned the loss of the last vacation so that they serve the next vacation for the same if the treasurer shall think right.

"Mr. Mallory is restored again in all points, notwithstanding the former order touching his degree and calling," in all respects as he was before any order was taken against him, by reason of any matter concerning Mr. Serjeant Flowerdewe.

The calling of Robert Clerke, gent, to the bar is respited till next parliament.

Order "that the keys of the standing box in the church be demanded by the treasurer of this House, of Mr. Alvey, parson, and Mr. Travers, reader of the lecture, upon the delivery whereof the bench will determine to take order for the weekly distribution to the poor of such money as shall be given and put in the said box by the charitable devotion of any person or persons."

Whereas heretofore a little chamber taken out of the steward's chamber, wherein the panierman set his basket with meat, when the steward was out of the way, is now found to be a place expedient for storing necessary provisions of the House, it is ordered that it shall be united again to the steward's chamber.

PARLIAMENT held on 26 January, 26 Elizabeth, A.D. 1583-4, before THOMAS MARYET, THOMAS RYSDON, EDMUND WALTERS, and others. JOHN PAGRAVE, treasurer.

Special admission of William Cobbe, gent., without payment, at the request of Sir Edmund Anderson, knight, lord chief justice of the Common Pleas.

Stewards of the reader's dinner for Lent next :—Mr. Ratcliff and Mr. Stanton.

Special admission of Peter Manwood, esquire, without payment.

Order that Mr. William Nelson, now chief prothonotary of the Common Pleas, shall have the chief place at the bar with Lawrence

Radford, esquire, "the said Mr. Nelson taking his oath for the supremacy as others which are called to the bar are bound to do by the laws and statutes of this realm."

Special admission of George Clifton, gent., under Mr. Francis Beamont's special admission as late reader.

PARLIAMENT held on 9 February, 26 Elizabeth, A.D. 1583-4, before ROBERT WYTHE, THOMAS MARYETT, THOMAS RYSDON, EDMUND WALTERS, RANULPH HURLESTON, NICHOLAS HARE, and others.

Allowance for Christmas to the cooks and panierman, as heretofore.

Order that the allowance for Christmas be made to such of the butlers only as gave their attendance here at Christmas time, and only half the allowance heretofore made be given to them on account of their default in the buttery.

Whereas at the last parliament Mr. Stanton was appointed one of the stewards of the reader's dinner for next Lent, and cannot then conveniently be present by reason of urgent business elsewhere, he prays that he may be spared for this time and will serve the same office in the summer vacation, and because Mr. Heale willingly took his place, it was ordered that Mr. Stanton be spared from serving that office for Lent next, and that Mr. Heale should supply his place.

Order that Mr. Glas be discharged from the loss of so many vacations as he lost while he was put out of this House for killing Mr. Payne, he serving as many more vacations as he lost, in their stead.

Whereas Mr. Tybenham has been out of commons four or five years, and is in arrears to the House for pensions and commons upon *visus in villa*, and because he is (as he says) unable to satisfy the same arrears, it is ordered, "that his duty to the House in that respect shall be stalled by the treasurer, to be paid to the House" on such days as the treasurer shall think fit, and he shall give bond to the treasurer for the payment of the said arrears.

Special admission of Mr. Henry Guyldford, without payment, at the request of "my Lord of Leicester."

Special admission of Mr. Calton,[1] under Mr. Smalman's special admission, by reason of his readership.

Mr. Humphrey Fowling, Henry Bowerchyer, Edmund Predeux, Edward Lyttleton, Walter Wynter, John Moulford, Adam Mounford, Roger Dale, Henry Croke, George Croke, Adam Wyntroppe, Stephen Theboulde, John Broughton, Thomas Lawton, Stephen Pyend, Randolph Brereton, and William Grevell are called to the outer bar, and each of them to take the oath of obedience at such time as the bench of this House shall think meet.

Mr. William Atkinson called to the outer bar "so that my Lord of Leicester think that he is a meet man for that place, and also satisfieth Mr. Hurleston of the bench."

Mr. William Lewis and Mr. Gryffith Willyams are called to the outer bar "so that they satisfy my Lord of Leicester that they be meet men to be called to that place."

"As touching my lord treasurer's letters for the calling Mr. Okeley to the outer bar, it is ordered that Mr. Nicholas Hare according to his promise made to the bench in the Parliament House in that behalf, shall attend upon my lord treasurer and satisfy his lordship that there is good cause why he ought not to be called to the outer bar. And if Mr. Nicholas Hare shall not satisfy my lord treasurer that there is good cause why Mr. Okelye should not be called to the outer bar, then it is ordered that at the next parliament Mr. Okeley shall be furthered considered of."

Order that the ancienty be saved of all such as hereafter shall be called to the outer bar in this House.[2] *Entry crossed out.*

PARLIAMENT held on 10 May, 26 Elizabeth, A.D. 1584.

Pension assessed at 2*s*.

Reader for the summer vacation :—Mr. Hewes.

Order that no married man be hereafter admitted butler of this House, and if any butler hereafter be married, after he is a butler of this House, then he shall lose his office of butlership.

[1] For Carlton?

[2] In margin :—"Vacat quia intratur prout postea 24 Jan., 27 Eliz."

PARLIAMENT held on 17 May, 27 Elizabeth, A.D. 1584, before THOMAS MALYETT,[1] THOMAS RISDEN, and others.

Order that the butcher that serves the House be allowed from Saturday last till the end of next Trinity term, at the rate of 18*d.* for every stone of beef delivered by him to the use of the House.

PARLIAMENT held on 21 June, 26 Elizabeth, A.D. 1584.

Attendants on the reader:—Mr. Bullocke and Mr. Henry Bement.

Stewards for the reader's dinner this next reading:—Mr. Stanton and Mr. Dewport.

Special admission of Robert Nedham, esquire, without payment.

PARLIAMENT held on 11 October, 26 Elizabeth, A.D. 1584, before THOMAS MARRET and ANDREW GRAY. JOHN PAGRAVE, treasurer.

Order that the skinner who dwells in the house, "sometime Wody's, should mure or wall up a door that he hath opening into the lane that leadeth to the Temple Gate, for divers annoyances that groweth thereby."

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 26 Elizabeth, A.D. 1584, before ROBERT WYTHE, THOMAS MARIET, and others. JOHN PAGRAVE, treasurer.

Pension assessed according to the old order.

Reader for Lent next:—Mr. Bullocke.

Attendants on the reader:—Mr. Wyet and Mr. Henry Bemont.

Auditors for the steward's account:—Mr. Wyet, Mr. Smythe, Mr. Dewpote, and Mr. Pryce.

[1] *Sic.* For Maryet.

Officers for Christmas :—

Stewards :—Sir Richard Baker, Sir Thomas Lucas, and Sir Roland Hawurthe.

Marshals :—Mr. Freyke, Mr. Wryte, the elder, and Mr. Bisshope.

Butlers :—Mr. Sebryght, Mr. Kyrton, and Mr. Grymes.

Order that John Funtene, gent., shall pay nothing for his admittance to a lower chamber in Fig-tree Court where Francis Gregory and George Abell were admitted, in respect of service done to the House.

Special admission of William Comynge, gent., under Mr. Drewe's special admission for his late readership.

Special admission of John Sherley, gent., under Mr. Huse's special admission for his late readership.

Auditors for the treasurer's account :—Mr. Golding, Mr. Drewe, Mr. Wrothe, and Mr. Coventre.

Order that Mr. Oteley and Mr. Hugh Wyet be auditors to take account and reckoning of such of the butlers as have had the collection of the rolls signed by the treasurer, of all such sums of money as they have received by the said rolls towards the payment of Mr. Traverse's pension, granted to him "in ease of Mr. Alvey, deceased," to the end it may be known what sums are remaining in the hands of the said collectors of these rolls, not yet accounted for to this House.

Treasurer :—Mr. Nicholas Hare.

PARLIAMENT held on 24 November, 27 Elizabeth, A.D. 1584, before ROBERT WYTHE, THOMAS MARIET, RANULPH HURLESTONE, JOHN PAYGRAVE, and others.

Order that Ralph Hare and Nicholas Cholmley, lately generally admitted, shall pay 20*s*. each and no more at the request of the treasurer.

Order that Mr. Wheler shall be re-admitted into commons, first paying his duties to the House and tendering 40*s*. for his fine "at the board's end."

Order "that the three great silver bowls with the covers shall be sold to pay the goldsmith for the four silver bowls bought by Mr. Pagrave."

Grant to Mrs. Alvey of 5 marks for her relief, to be paid by the treasurer.

Order that if the gentlemen of the House do not of themselves keep commons in the House this Christmas, that then the ordinary commons shall be continued, and all such as shall be in the House shall be weekly cast into commons.

"Whereas Tristram Jaxon and William Bridges, gentlemen of this House, had Hallowmas day last given them for their peremptory day to answer before the bench unto sundry heinous misdemeanours, objected against them, at which day they have not appeared nor at any time sithens," it is therefore ordered that they be expelled from the House and be no longer fellows.

PARLIAMENT held on 24 January, 27 Elizabeth, A.D. 1584-5, before THOMAS MARIETT, RANULPH HURLESTONE, JOHN PAGRAVE, and others.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Mr. Laurence Radford and Mr. Nelson.

Whereas an order was set down in the parliament held on 9 February, 1583-4, touching the saving of ancienty to such as afterwards should be called to the bar, it is enacted that the same order shall be void because it was entered otherwise than it was meant by the said parliament.

Allowance of 4*li.* to the company of this House who were in commons at Christmas last.

The officers who had no allowance in Christmas, shall have such allowance as they have had heretofore.

Mr. Robert Clarke, the elder, called to the bar at the request of the lord chancellor.

Whereas Edward Carleton, esquire, was by certificate dated 24 June, 1574, commended from Lion's Inn to this House to be admitted into the fellowship of the same, and paid 23*s.* 4*d.* to this House, which admission by negligence of the then head butler was not entered, it is ordered that the said Edward shall have a special admission which shall be entered in the book of admittances the said 24 June, so as to save his ancienty.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 February, 27 Elizabeth, A.D. 1584-5, before THOMAS MARIETT, THOMAS RISDON, RANULPH HURLESTON, JOHN PAGRAVE, and others.

Stewards for the reader's dinner :—Mr. Radford and Mr. John Jones.

Mr. Nelson respited one year touching the charge of a reader's dinner.

Licence to Mr. Coomes of the Middle Temple to build a study "within the stone wall in the Figtree Court," for which he shall pay down 10*s.* in money or 6*d.* a year rent.

"It is ordered that warning shall be given to Mr. Travers that this House mindeth no longer to continue the payment of his yearly pension of 20*li.*, which was allowed unto him at the request of Mr. Allveye to supply his weakness, who being now dead, Mr. Hooker, now appointed to be master of the Temple, is either in person to preach or else at his charge to furnish the place with a sufficient preacher."

PARLIAMENT held on 2 May, 27 Elizabeth, A.D. 1585, before THOMAS MARIOTT, THOMAS RISDON, RANULPH HURLESTON, JOHN PAGRAVE, and others.

Pension assessed at the old accustomed rate of 2*s.*

Reader for the summer vacation :—Mr. Henry Bemont.

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Wyott and Mr. Couper.

Mr. Paul Crooke re-admitted into the House without fine.

PARLIAMENT held on 23 May, 27 Elizabeth, A.D. 1585, before EDMUND WALTER, JOHN PAGRAVE, ANDREW GRAY, and others.

Order that if Mr. John Jones does not, before the end of next term, pay the steward of the House the money expended on his behalf as part of the charge of the last reader's dinner in Lent he shall be disbarred and expelled the House.

Towards the charge of the purchase of Mr. Roper's house it is ordered that the pension shall be assessed double both at this term and Michaelmas.

Mr. Dale and Mr. Pyne are "remitted into commons" without fine.

Order that the clerk of the Temple shall have yearly for his offering 4*d.* from every gentleman of the House, and it shall be gathered in a roll by one of the butlers in Easter term, whereof he shall have allowance this term. The said payment to continue during the will and pleasure of the bench.

Special admission of William Smythe, late one of the butlers, in consideration of his long service. And whereas on 4 December, 1574, not being then a fellow, he was admitted to an under chamber, wherein Richard Greenacres stood admitted, the same admittance shall stand and be effectual notwithstanding.

If Mr. Walter Wotton does not before the end of next term satisfy the bench touching divers slanderous matters contained in a bill exhibited in the Star Chamber against Mr. Risdon of the bench and others, then it is ordered that the said Wotton be expelled from the House.

Order that Mr. John Ward and Thomas Whitfeild upon paying all such duties as are now due by Mr. John Beale and —— Covert, shall be discharged as pledges of the said Beale and Covert.

PARLIAMENT held on 13 June, 27 Elizabeth, A.D. 1585, before ROBERT WYTHE, JOHN PAGRAVE, ANDREW GREYE, and others.

Stewards for the reader's dinner in summer next:—Mr. Wrothe and Mr. John Thomas.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 June, 27 Elizabeth, A.D. 1585, before THOMAS MARYET, JOHN PAGRAVE, and others.

Order (upon good cause shown by Mr. Henry Dewport of the bar) that no person during the life of the said Henry shall be admitted to the chambers and rooms lately built by Mr. Robert Woodlyfe in the Great Garden without his consent.

Mr. John Jones, one of the bar, chosen steward for the reader's dinner in Lent last, is respited upon condition that he shall undertake the stewardship for the reader's dinner in the summer vacation, 1586, upon pain of disbarring and expulsion.

Order that Tristram Jackson and William Brydges, who were expelled the House, shall not at any time hereafter be received into the fellowship again and there shall be no motion by the treasurer or any of the bench for their re-admission.

Order that Mr. Hugh Hare of the bar shall be discharged of the charge of the reader's dinner when it shall hereafter fall upon him "by course or turn," upon his paying to the steward of the House the sums disbursed for Mr. Jones for the reader's dinner in Lent last.

Walter Wootton, gent., expelled the House for not having satisfied the bench this term according to the order set upon him in Easter term.

Order that the steward's bond wherein he and Mr. Nuttell and others stood bound for the performance of his charge to the House, shall be cancelled because the steward has delivered to the treasurer a new bond.

Whereas Michael Purifie of the outer bar was heretofore admitted into the chamber where Mr. Francis Beamonte stands admitted, and the said Mr. Beamonte admitted to the chamber "sometime Mr. Gell," out of which at the special request of Sir George Bromley, knight, the said Mr. Beamonte was disadmitted and re-admitted into the chamber where he now lies, and the said Mr. Purifie was thereby disadmitted and destitute of a chamber, it is therefore ordered that the said Mr. Purifie shall have a piece of ground 26 feet by 18 feet, adjoining the wall between the chamber lately built by Mr. Woodlyf and the chamber late Mr. Harryson's, to build upon. And he shall enjoy the building erected upon the same for his natural life and may sell the first admittance of each of the said chambers and rooms to any person, being a fellow of this House.

Order that all the doors which open upon the Earl of Leicester's garden near his office in the Temple Garden shall be walled up before Michaelmas next, by the owners of the chambers whereunto the same doors belong, and from henceforth there shall be no doors made out of the said chambers into the said garden, nevertheless it shall be

lawful to the owners of the said chambers to make windows into the said garden and also make "any jettied study so that it be made in the upper storey and not upon the ground."

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 27 Elizabeth, A.D. 1585, before THOMAS MARRIET, THOMAS RISDEN, RANULPH HUDDLESTONE, and others.

Pensions assessed double, 4*s*.

It is agreed that this House will join with the Middle Temple in the trial and purchase of Mr. Roper's house.

Reader for Lent:—Mr. George Wyott.

Attendants on the reader:—Mr. Smithe and Mr. Cowper.

Order that the wages of the panierman in respect of his age and weakness shall be increased 3*li*. a year, but this shall be no precedent.

Auditors for the treasurer's account:—Mr. Smaleman, Mr. Hewes (*crossed out*), Mr. Dewport, and Mr. Purfrey.

Auditors for the steward's account:—Mr. Smithe, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Wrothe.

Officers for Christmas:—

Steward:—Sir Richard Baker, Sir Thomas Lucas, and Sir Rowland Hayward.

Marshal:—Mr. Freke, Mr. Wryte, the elder, and Mr. Bushoppe.

Butler:—Mr. Sebrighte, Mr. Kyrton, and Mr. Grymes.

Whereas Mr. Abell paid 4*li*. for Mr. Browne's duties to the House, for which he was admitted to Mr. Browne's chamber, which he cannot now enjoy because Mr. Waterhowse of the bar was admitted there before, it is therefore ordered that Mr. Abell be repaid the said 4*li*. and Browne, upon paying to the House 4*li*., shall have his chamber again.

Mr. Jaxon is re-admitted to the House upon payment of his duties and 40*s*. fine, and he shall have his ancienty in his chamber.

Mr. Boyer to be warned by the butler to appear before the bench to show cause why he should not either leave the chamber wherein Mr. Grevell lies, or accept Mr. Grevell's offer.

Treasurer:—Mr. Greye.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 November, 28 Elizabeth, A.D. 1585, before ROBERT WYTH, THOMAS MARIET, JOHN PAYGRAVE, NICHOLAS HARE, and others. A. GREY, treasurer.

Order that the steward shall not hereafter be allowed for debts that shall become due to him for commons, any greater sum than two weeks "and that the overplus shall redound to his own peril and loss."

Order that the treasurer shall pay 50*li.* to Mr. Roper, in part of the further sum for the house late Mr. Kellaway's, "so as he doth avoid the possession of all such as were placed there in Mr. Alve his time or since."

Mr. Boyer put out of his chamber and a *ne recipiatur*[1] be set upon his head. And the butler shall stay such of his goods as are within the chambers until he has satisfied all his duties to the House.

Order that if any gentleman shall bring the treasurer an untrue certificate from the principal and reader of any Inn of Chancery, that he shall be disabled from being of the society of this House.

Order that all such as are now put out of commons or shall hereafter be put out of commons, "and do not their best endeavour travail and, by due submission or petition, procure their restitution within two terms next after their expulsion, shall be afterwards dismembered from this society and expulsed the House."

Mr. Isaac Owen and Mr. William Ingram pardoned for the loss of a vacation, if they will serve another for the same.

Special admission of —— Vawhane, late one of the butlers of this House, in consideration of his long service.

PARLIAMENT held on the vigil of St. Thomas the Apostle, 28 Elizabeth, A.D. 1585, before NICHOLAS HARE, HUMPHREY SMYTH, THOMAS SMALMAN, and JOHN COOPER. A. GREY, treasurer.

Stewards:—Sir Richard Baker, Sir Thomas Lucas, and Sir Robert Hayward were called and did not appear.

Marshals:—Mr. Freike, Mr. Wrighte, and Mr. Byshopp were called and did not appear.

Butlers:—Mr. Seybridghte (*sic*), Mr. Kyrton, and Mr. Grymes were called and did not appear.

[1] A writ against setting down a cause for trial.

PARLIAMENT held on 30 January, 28 Elizabeth, A.D. 1585-6, before THOMAS MARIOTT, THOMAS RYSDEN, NICHOLAS HARE, JOHN PAGRAVE, JOHN BULLOCKE, and others.

Order that the officers of the grand Christmas shall be amerced for their non-appearance as the last officers before them were.

The butlers and cooks that attended and had no allowance at Christmas shall have such allowance as heretofore they have had.

Allowance of 4*li.* granted to the company that was in commons at Christmas last.

PARLIAMENT held on 6 February, 28 Elizabeth, A.D. 1585-6, before THOMAS MARIOTT, THOMAS RYSDEN, NICHOLAS HARE, JOHN PAGRAVE, JOHN BULLOCKE, and others.

Order that a view be made for appointing chambers for benchers, to which chambers none but benchers shall be admitted.

Stewards for the reader's dinner :—Mr. Wrathe and Mr. Scott.

Mr. Tredwaye and Mr. Dolman called to the bench.

Mr. Hawkese (?), at the instance of the vice-chamberlain, called to the outer bar.

Mr. Persone, at the instance of Mr. Bullock, to be called to the outer bar at the next call.

PARLIAMENT held on 24 April, 28 Elizabeth, A.D. 1586, before THOMAS MARIOTT, JOHN PAGRAVE, NICHOLAS HARE, JOHN BULLOCKE GEORGE WYOTT, and others. A. GREY, treasurer.

Mr. Bridges' motion touching his coming into commons is referred "until another consolation."

Mr. Wooton and Mr. Jackson restored into the society.

The pension is assessed double, 4*s.*

The request of Mr. Manners for the admission of his cousin for 4*li.* is granted.

Reader for the summer vacation :—Mr. Cooper.

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Smyth and Mr. Dolman.

PARLIAMENT held on 15 May, 28 Elizabeth, A.D. 1586, before THOMAS MARIOTT, JOHN PAGRAVE, NICHOLAS HARE, JOHN BULLOCKE, GEORGE WYOTT, and others.

Order that such of the utter barristers or others who have paid a fine for the loss of their vacation in summer time shall be allowed such vacation notwithstanding the death of the reader.

Mr. Golding and Mr. Smalman appointed to view and consider as to placing a gate at Ram Alley which is to be closed up in the vacation time out of the term.

Order that a note be taken of the utter barristers of the last call who were absent this last vacation.

Mr. Bridges restored to the society "so as he beareth himself well and evenly towards the same."

Order that the chief butler be allowed for every commoner in commons $2\frac{1}{2}d.$ every week for cheese.

PARLIAMENT held on 5 June, 28 Elizabeth, A.D. 1586, before THOMAS MARIOTT, JOHN PAGRAVE, NICHOLAS HARE, JOHN BULLOCKE, and others.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Mr. Nelson and Mr. Purfferie.

Order that as Mr. John Thomas and Mr. Jones have not taken upon them to be stewards of the reader's dinner and have been sundry times spared, they shall pay within ten days after the beginning of next term, 10*li.* each, otherwise they shall not be considered utter barristers and shall be out of the society of the House.

Order that Mr. Palgrave, Mr. Bullocke, Mr. Beamont, and Mr. Goldinge do appoint twenty chambers for the benchers, and order shall be taken for their use.

Forasmuch as the number of utter barristers is greatly increased and the exercise of learning much neglected, it is provided that as well all those who were called within three years as those that hereafter shall be called, shall serve six grand vacations and twelve mean vacations, upon pain of forfeiting 20*s.* for each default, as heretofore is provided.

PARLIAMENT held on 19 June, 28 Elizabeth, A.D. 1586, before ROBERT WITHE, THOMAS MARIOTT, JOHN PAGRAVE, NICHOLAS HARE, and others. A. GREY, treasurer.

Special admission of Robert Wythe, the younger, of Droitwich in the county of Worcester, gent., at the request of Robert Wythe, esquire, one of the masters of the bench of this society.

The offer of Mr. John Thomas to undertake the office of steward for the reader's dinner, is accepted.

PARLIAMENT held on 16 October, 28 Elizabeth, A.D. 1586, before THOMAS MARIOT, EDWARD WALTER,[1] JOHN PAGRAVE, JOHN BULLOCKE, GEORGE WYAT, and others.

Special admission of John Stone of London, at the instance of the treasurer, who is his uncle.

The petition of Mr. Davis, one of the outer bar, touching the admission of his son, is granted, but it shall not be a precedent for other utter barristers to do the like.

The sureties for Mr. William Wrothe to be discharged because Mr. Wrothe, one of the bar and one of his sureties, has paid all duties for him. But he shall not be permitted to come into commons before he put in new pledges.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 28 Elizabeth, A.D. 1586, before THOMAS MARRIOTT, EDWARD (*sic*) WALTER, JOHN PAGRAVE, JOHN BULLOCKE, and others. A. GREY, treasurer.

Pensions assessed as of old.

Reader for Lent:—Smyth.

Attendants on the reader:—Mr. Goldinge and Mr. Dolman.

Auditors for the treasurer's account:—Mr. Smalman, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Davys, and Mr. Towes.

Auditors for the steward:—Mr. Beamont, Mr. Tredwaie, Mr. Otelye, and Mr. Coventrie.

Auditors for the rolls:—Mr. Nicholas Hare, Mr. Pygott, Mr. Wrothe, and Mr. Heale.

[1] *Sic*, but probably a mistake for Edmund Walter.

Officers for Christmas :—

Stewards :—Sir Richard Baker, Sir Thomas Lucas, and Sir Rowland Hayward.

Marshals :—Mr. Freke, Mr. Wright, the elder, and Mr. Byshoppe.

Butlers :—Mr. Sebrighte, Mr. Kyrton, and Mr. Grymes.

"It is ordered that there shall be in the kitchen but one undercook and three turn broaches,[1] and all women to be voided."

"And that the gardener shall have but one servant in the buttery, and his allowance to be but four loaves at dinner, and so many at supper, and one at boyer,[2] and but two green pots at dinner, and two at supper, and one at boyer of beer. And that all broken bread and drink, with the chippings, be only and wholly employed to the use of the poor."

"It is also ordered that there shall be two gentlemen chosen surveyors of the kitchen and of the buttery and Mr. Wrothe to begin and choose his fellow.

Treasurer :—Mr. Bullocke.

MISCELLANEA.

1585-6, February 10. Copy of proceedings at a pension held at Gray's Inn before John Brograve, Ralph Barton, Richard Aunger, William Wiskins, Christopher Yelverton, William Daniel, Gilbert Sherington, Peter Pheasant, John Penruddacke, John Spurling, and John Hales, readers, when it was allowed that Mr. Francis Bacon might have place with the readers at the readers' table, but not to have any voice in pension nor win ancienty of any that is his ancient or shall read before him

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 November, 29 Elizabeth, A.D. 1586, before ROBERT WYTHE, THOMAS MARYETT, NICHOLAS HARE, GEORGE WYOTT, and others. THOMAS BULLOCKE, treasurer.

Whereas George Bromley, the younger, son of Sir George Bromley, knight, and Roger Pulleston, son in law to the said Sir

[1] See note on p. 180.

[2] Bever, boier, a small repast between meals, a luncheon.—*Murray's Dict.*

George, at his request were admitted gratis, without anything in their admissions to discharge them from their vacations, it is therefore declared that their admissions shall be special and that they shall be discharged from their vacations, as well past as to come.

The suit of Mr. Spencer for the admittance of Mr. Pype into his chamber be referred to the treasurer.

The suit of Mr. Molforde and Mr. George Crooke referred to the treasurer.

And the suit of Doctor Ellys for the admission of his son be also referred to the treasurer.

PARLIAMENT held on 29 January, 29 Elizabeth, A.D. 1586-7, before THOMAS MARIOTT, RANULPH HURLESTON, JOHN PAGRAVE, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, GEORGE WYOTT, and others.

Stewards for the reader's dinner in Lent :—Mr. Oteley, the elder, and Mr. John Thomas.

Allowance of 4*li.* to the company in commons at Christmas last.

The officers who had no allowance at Christmas last, shall have such allowance as they have had heretofore.

Memorandum, that at the lord chancellor's request Mr. Stoughton's call to the bar at the next call be considered, if he be meet.

PARLIAMENT held on 11 February, 29 Elizabeth, A.D. 1586-7, before THOMAS MARIOTT, RANULPH HURLESTON, JOHN PAGRAVE, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, GEORGE WYOTT, and others.

Mr. N. Hare and Mr. Cowper chosen to view how Mr. Repington, Mr. Dale, Mr. Lytleton, Mr. Dyott, and Mr. Wynnyngton may build without annoyance.

Order for the steward's bonds to be delivered up to his pledges, viz. :—Mr. Hele, Mr. Hare, Mr. Hugforde, and Mr. Trafforde.

The suit of Mr. Withe for his chamber and of Mr. Woodleaff for his building referred to next term, that Mr. Woodleaff may be before the bench to answer for himself.

"It was declared to my masters of the bench that my lord chan-

cellor's request was concerning Mr. Adrian Stoughton to be called to the bar, according to his former request, and further that his request was that Mr. John Throgmorton might likewise be called to the bar, both which be referred to be considered upon at next call."

"Also my Lord of Leicester his request for the calling of Mr. John Brereton to the bar was declared to the bench, and his lordship's letters in the behalf of Mr. Thomas Clarke, and the aforesaid Mr. Stoughton to be called to the bar, were likewise declared and in like manner referred to be considered upon the next call."

Special admission of Mr. Nicholas Roo at the request of Mr. John Bullocke in respect of his double reading.

Special admission of Stephen Smaleman, gent., son and heir apparent of Thomas Smaleman, esquire, one of the masters of the bench of this House, and he is pardoned all offices, charges, etc., except aids, pensions, portions, commons, and repairs to the church.

General admission of Francis Smaleman of London, gent., second son of Thomas Smaleman, esquire, gratis, at the instance of his father.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 May, 29 Elizabeth, A.D. 1587, before THOMAS MARIOTT, JOHN PAGRAVE, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, GEORGE WYOTT, and others. JOHN BULLOCK, treasurer.

Reader for the summer vacation :—Mr. Dolman.

The pension assessed after the old accustomed rate of *2s.*

Attendants upon the reader :—Mr. Goldynge and Mr. Tredwey.

Order touching the utter barristers who were called at any of the three last calls, that it shall be inquired who of them since their several calls have not mooted within the House and put their cases at the benchers' board, and also kept exercise of learning in the Inns of Chancery, according as they ought to have done by orders set down in 16 Elizabeth, and that it be considered as to those which be found faulty therein whether they be meet to continue utter barristers or be disbarred, or be fined as the bench shall think good.

Order that those who hereafter shall be called to the outer bar of this House "shall, according to their ancienty, bring in a moot, and moot in the Hall in this manner, that is to say, the most ancient of that

call shall, the same term he shall be called or else the next term after, if he be so appointed by the bench, bring in a moot with some one other of the bar of an ancienter call, and the next moot after, the new called utter barrister shall bring in one other of the same call, being then next unto him in ancienty, and they two to keep all the moots that term in the House, and either of them to put their case before the bench at the benchers' table, and so consequently in like manner shall the rest do in their turn as they are in ancienty."

Order "that every one of those that shall be hereafter called to the bar, shall moot in the Hall in the term time or vacation time, and also put some case or cases at the bench table in the term time, and take and argue the reader's case in the vacation time, and also keep moot abroad in the Inns of Chancery in the vacation time, and likewise keep cases at the clerk's commons and moots in the Library in the mean vacation time, or otherwise every such as shall be hereafter called to the bar and shall fail in doing of the said exercises shall be accounted no utter barrister, but shall lose his place at the bar; and likewise that no utter barrister shall practise contrary to the order made in the said 16th year of Her Majesty's reign."

Mr. R. Waterhouse, the elder, and Mr. Richard Davies called to the bench.

Admittance of John Bullocke, esquire, treasurer, to the chamber and rooms in the Fig-tree Court, wherein Mr. Robert Wythe, lately deceased, was admitted.

Memorandum, that in Easter term, 1587, it was ordered by the masters of the bench at the bencher's table in the dispute between Mr. Dewporte, Mr. Woodleafe, Mr. Wellington, and Mr. Wythe concerning Mr. Wythe's admittance into Mr. Dewporte and Mr. Woodleaffe's chamber (forasmuch as Mr. Wythe was admitted into the said chamber by the assent of Mr. Woodleaf, who received 4*li.* from Mr. Wellington in part payment of 5*li.* for his study in that chamber, and also that Mr. Dewporte had received from Mr. Wellington the sum of —— for the said chamber) that Mr. Dewport shall repay Mr. Wellington the said sum and half the charges that Mr. Wellington has bestowed on the same chamber, and Mr. Wythe shall pay the other half and also such charges as Mr. Wellington has bestowed upon the said study, and that Mr. Wellington should depart and give place to the said Mr. Wythe.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 May, 29 Elizabeth, A.D. 1587, before THOMAS MARIOTT, JOHN PAGRAVE, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, GEORGE WYOTT, and others.

Mr. Founten, Mr. Hurleston, and Mr. Maryott are to come before the bench touching the debt of Founten.

PARLIAMENT held on 18 June, 29 Elizabeth, A.D. 1857, before THOMAS MARIOTT, JOHN PAGRAVE, ANDREW GRAYE, GEORGE WYOTT, and others. JOHN BULLOCKE, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner at the summer vacation :— Mr. W. Price and Mr. H. Marten.

Special admission of Mr. Corham in respect of Mr. G. Wyott's double reading.

Special admission of Mr. Marrowe in respect of Mr. Smythe's double reading.

Special admission of Mr. Bendishe in respect of Mr. Cowper's first reading.

Whereas John Hurleston, gent., promised to have sealed and delivered a deed under his hand and seal for the payment of 40*s.* at this Trinity term, and 5*li.* 14*s.* 8*d.* at the beginning of Michaelmas term, which he has not done, it is therefore ordered that if he pay not the sums at the times appointed, that he shall lose his interest in his chamber. And it is further ordered that his chamber shall be a bencher's chamber.

PARLIAMENT held on 2 July, 29 Elizabeth, A.D. 1587, before THOMAS MARYOTT, JOHN PAGRAVE, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, GEORGE WYOTT, and others.

"A beadle, at the request and charges of the gardener's wife, is allowed for the avoiding of rogues within our House."

Order that Mr. Smaleman shall have the choice of such chambers as shall fall void till he shall have selected one.

Robert Barker, gent., was at the call to the bar this time thought

meet to be one, but he lacketh continuance, wherefore it is ordered that when he shall come to be of the continuance in this House of full eight years, he shall be called to the bar.

And whereas Jeremy Lowther, gent., was recommended by the new lord chancellor to be called to the bar, and it was likewise requested by Sir Walter Mildemaye on behalf of Francis Gregory, both of whom lacked continuance for eight years, it was therefore ordered that they shall be severally called at the calls following the periods at which they shall have attained eight years' continuance.

Mr. John Reymounte, Oliver Godfrey, William Pierson, William Lightfoote, Thomas Draner, John Parker, Thomas Trafford, Henry Batte, Nicholas Rugeley, Anthony Dyot, Henry Meeres, John Wyot, John Ferns, John Hache, Nicholas Kynnersley, John Throgmorton, John Founteyn, William Clayton, Edward Stapleton, John Heale, the younger, Walter Carwardyne, Adrian Stoughton, John Stumpe, Richard Baker, and John Fleete, called to the outer bar, and each of them is to take the oath of obedience at such time as the bench shall think meet.

PARLIAMENT held on 15 October, 29 Elizabeth, A.D. 1587, before THOMAS MARIOT, JOHN PAGRAVE, ANDREW GRAY, GEORGE WYOT, and others.

Mr. Robert Barker called to the bar, and he shall take the oath of obedience at such time as the bench shall think meet.

Mr. Gawen restored into commons upon paying 20*s*.

Admission of Henry Fanshawe of London, son of Thomas Fanshawe, remembrancer of the Exchequer, at the instance of John Bullocke, treasurer.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 29 Elizabeth, A.D. 1587, before THOMAS MARIOT, JOHN PAGRAVE, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, GEORGE WYOT, and others.

Pension assessed at 2*s*.

Mr. Goldinge excused his reading for next Lent "in respect of sickness and the weakness of his body" and upon his promise to

read in Lent twelvemonth or else to pay such fine as the bench shall assess.

Reader for Lent next :—Mr. Tredwey.

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Golding, R., and Mr. Waterhouse, R.

Auditors for the treasurer's account :—Mr. Dolman, Mr. Davyes, Mr. Purffrey, and Mr. Dewport.

Auditors for the steward's account :—Mr. Hare, N., Mr. Hughes, Mr. Towse, and Mr. Scott.

Special admission of William Playne of Preston in the county of Suffolk, gent. And this admission was granted gratis, at the request of John Bullocke, treasurer, and in consideration that Apollo Playne, gent., his father, prosecuted a writ of pension in the name of the treasurer against those who had not paid their dues in arrear.

At the request of Mr. William Towse, being pledge for Mr. Dillington and Mr. Heynes and having compounded with the treasurer for their duties due upon the pension roll, it is ordered that the said Mr. Towse shall be discharged from being pledge to either of them, and they are to put in new pledges before they are received into commons.

Special admission of Mr. Scamler, at the request of Mr. John Doleman in respect of his first reading.

Mr. Bullocke continued as treasurer for a year longer.

Officers for Christmas :—

Stewards :—Sir Richard Baker, Sir Thomas Lucas, and Sir Rowland Heyward.

Marshals :—Mr. Freike, Mr. Wright, the elder, and Mr. Bisshoppe.

Butlers :—Mr. Seibrighte, Mr. Kyrton, and Mr. Grymes.

Parliament held on 26 November, 30 Elizabeth, A.D. 1587, before Thomas Mariot, John Pagrave, Nicholas Hare, Andrew Gray, George Wyot, and others. John Bullocke, esquire, treasurer.

"Mr. Hare, Mr. Wyot, Mr. Wrothe, and Mr. Towse are chosen to consider of the estate of the House for commons and for surveyors."

Order that the allowance to the chief butler shall be abated ½*d.* a week each, for cheese.

A note of such chambers as are appointed to be benchers' chambers, to which none hereafter but benchers shall be newly admitted, except by special order :—

1. The chamber in the west end of Mr. Fuller's Buildings wherein Mr. William Lee and Mr. Hatch are admitted, being an upper chamber.

2. The chamber next thereto wherein Mr. Robert Goldinge, a bencher, and Mr. John Marsh are admitted, being an upper chamber.

3. The chamber in the other row of Mr. Fuller's Buildings, an upper chamber, wherein Mr. Thomas Bromley is admitted, being in the north end of the same row.

4. The chamber in the lower end of the same row of buildings, wherein Mr. William Glaseor is admitted, being the lowest chamber of the same buildings southwards.

5. The chamber wherein Mr. Edward Williams is admitted, which stands near Mr. Fuller's Buildings and is "rough casted blue."

6. The buildings which Mr. Woodleaffe built, standing upon or near to the White Friars wall, wherein Mr. Henry Duporte and others are now admitted.

7. The upper chamber in Mr. Bradshawe's Buildings, wherein Mr. Thomas Wrothe and Mr. Otley are admitted.

8. The upper chamber next thereto, wherein Mr. Adam Moundforde and Mr. Lawton are admitted.

9. The upper chamber next thereto, wherein Mr. Francis Ashbye and Mr. Lawrence Tanfyld are admitted.

10. The upper chamber in Mr. Packington's Buildings, wherein Mr. William Hilyeard, a bencher, and Mr. George Lyttleton are admitted.

11. The upper chamber next thereto, wherein Mr. Randall Hurleston, a bencher, was admitted.

12. The upper chamber next thereto, adjoining to the Library, wherein Mr. Francis Beamounte, a bencher, is now admitted.

13. The chamber wherein Mr. John Bullocke, a bencher, is now admitted, in the Figtree Court.

14. The chamber next thereto, wherein Mr. Thomas Mariot, a bencher, is admitted.

15. The chamber next thereto, wherein Mr. George Wyott, a bencher, is admitted.

16. The chamber next thereto, wherein Mr. John Crooke and Mr. George Crooke are admitted.

17. The chamber adjoining to the upper end of the Hall, wherein Mr. Edmund Walter, a bencher, is admitted.

18. The chamber adjoining to the Hall side, wherein Mr. Andrew Gray a bencher is admitted, being towards the Church.

19. The chamber over the Crown Office, wherein Mr. John Heale, the elder, and others are admitted.

20. The chamber in the lane leading from the Cloister to the Temple Gate, wherein Mr. Valentine Pigot, a bencher, is admitted.

21. The chamber over the Buttery and Parliament House.

22. The chamber in the court near the upper end of the Cloister, called Mr. Hare's Court, wherein Mr. Nicholas Hare, a bencher, is admitted.

23. The chamber[1] there, wherein Mr. Cooper, a bencher, is admitted.

24. The chamber and rooms there wherein Mr. Radford is admitted.

25. The chamber wherein Mr. William Hughes, a bencher, is now admitted, being an upper chamber with a new brick wall and a pair of stairs opening towards the Garden, lately made.

26. And the building standing upon or near the White Friars wall in the lower part of the Garden near the end of the lower wall there, called Mr. Harrison's Buildings, wherein Mr. Stumpe, Mr. Osborne, and others are admitted.

Order that whereas Thomas Davyes, gent., son and heir apparent of Richard Davyes, esquire, one of the masters of the bench of the Inner Temple, was heretofore commonly admitted, he shall now be specially admitted.

[1] Note: "Vacat quia per parliamentum postea tentum 23° Novembris, anno 32 Reginæ nunc, exempta est de numero."

PARLIAMENT held on 28 January, 30 Elizabeth, A.D. 1587-8, before THOMAS MARIOT, JOHN PAGRAVE, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAY, GEORGE WYOT, and others. JOHN BULLOCK, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner next Lent:—Mr. S. Stampe and Mr. T. Coventree.

Allowance of 4*li.* granted to the company of the House which was in commons at Christmas last, upon condition that the said company should not hereafter presume to keep private commons above three weeks.

The officers who had no allowance at Christmas last shall have such allowance for four weeks as heretofore they have had.

Order that the commons of this House "shall be certain 4*s.* a week" in the term and 3*s.* 8*d.* out of term.

Order that surveyors be chosen weekly by the masters of the bench.

Order that no fellow shall from henceforth be put or go out of commons, unless he pay all such duties and arrears of duties due either to the House or the steward, otherwise he shall be kept in commons until all duties be fully satisfied.

PARLIAMENT held on 11 February, 30 Elizabeth, A.D. 1587-8, before THOMAS MARIOT, JOHN PAGRAVE, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAY, GEORGE WIOT, and others.

Whereas the chamber wherein Mr. Nichols is, in the court where Mr. Pagrave lies, is of late decayed and ruined and the upper and nether chambers thereof, belonging to the Middle House, are also in decay and to be re-edified, which great charges the said Mr. Nichols is to bear, it is ordered that none, after the new building thereof, shall be admitted therein or to Mr. William Cooke's chamber, whereof Mr. Nichols' chamber is parcel, without the assent of the said Mr. Nichols.

Petition of Mr. Lytleton, Mr. Dale, Mr. Dyot, and Mr. Winnington that whereas their chambers and those of Mr. Repington are in such decay that they are in peril of falling, and cannot be pulled down

and re-edified to such height and breadth as they now are without nuisance to the lights of the Hall, and if they were curtailed in size there would not then be convenient room for those that are now in them, wherefore the petitioners pray the masters of the bench and the treasurer that it may be enacted that they may have licence to pull down the said chambers and rebuild them according to such proportion as shall be certified to be convenient for that purpose by Mr. Hare, Mr. Smalman, Mr. Drewe, and Mr. Cowper, who have viewed the plan thereof, and that Mr. Dale and Mr. Winnington may have such estates in the uppermost storey of the proposed new buildings as Mr. Radford has in his buildings, and that Mr. Lytleton and Mr. Diot shall have like estates in the residue of the said buildings, saving to Mr. Repington convenient chamber room therein during his life.

Which petition was granted.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 April, 30 Elizabeth, A.D. 1588, before THOMAS MARIOTT, JOHN PAGRAVE, GEORGE WYOTTE, ROBERT GOLDINGE, VALENTINE PIGOT, FRANCIS BEAMONT, THOMAS SMALMAN, EDWARD DREWE, W. HUGHES, JOHN DOLMAN, RICHARD TREDWAYE, ROBERT WATERHOUSE, RICHARD DAVYES, and others.

Pension assessed at 2*s*.

Reader for the summer vacation:—Mr. Goldinge and Mr. Richard Davyes.

Mr. W. Cooke, Mr. Wrothe, Mr. Hele, Mr. Scot, and Mr. H. Hare, are re-admitted unto commons.

"Mr. Nelson and Mr. Radford are called to the bench and to take their place as they come, and to have no voice unless they be demanded by the bench their opinion, according to the old order."

Special admission of Augustine Pagrave, Mr. Pagrave's son, because his father is a bencher.

Mr. Rosse's suit is to be considered by the masters of the bench, who lodge in the new buildings and to be reported by them.

Order that Mr. Scamler shall have the same grant and liberty that Mr. Nichols had for the new building of Mr. Nichols' chamber

in the court where Mr. Pagrave lieth, as more plainly appears in the last parliament, and Mr. Nichols' estate for himself shall surcease.

Order that Mr. Fortescue and Mr. Gwinne shall have the like grant as Mr. Nichols had.

PARLIAMENT held on 19 May, 30 Elizabeth, A.D. 1588, before THOMAS MARIOT, NICHOLAS HARE, GEORGE WIOT, ROBERT GOLDINGE, and others.

Upon the motion for the admittance of Mr. Henry Fanshawe into an upper chamber in the "Figge tree Courte" over Mr. Wyot's chamber, instead of Mr. Samuel Pipe, it is ordered by the consent of Mr. Wiot and Mr. Pipe that the said Henry Fanshawe shall be so admitted and Mr. Pipe to stand disadmitted notwithstanding any former order concerning Mr. Wiot's chamber being appointed a bencher's chamber, nevertheless it is ordered that no one after Mr. Fanshawe's interest has ceased shall be admitted to the said chamber, but it shall be taken as part and member of the said Mr. George Wiot's chamber.

Special admission of Mr. John Sotherton of London, son of Mr. Baron Sotherton, and a member of Clifford's Inn, paying 40*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on 9 June, 30 Elizabeth, A.D. 1588, before THOMAS MARIOT, JOHN PAGRAVE, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, GEORGE WYOT, and others. JOHN BULLOCKE, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner for the summer vacation:—Mr. Broughton and Mr. Marsh.

General admission at the request of Mr. Pagrave of his kinsman, Mr. Henry Saunders, who is of no House of Chancery, for 50*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on 24 June, 30 Elizabeth, A.D. 1588, before JOHN PAGRAVE, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, GEORGE WYOT, VALENTINE PIGOT, and others.

Mr. Edward Lloid and Mr. Rowland Baughe discharged from being pledges to Mr. Edward Fraunces upon paying his duties in

arrear, and the said Mr. Fraunces shall not be received back into commons till he has paid them and put in new pledges.

Mr. Robert Waller in like manner discharged from being pledge to Mr. Ball and Mr. Naylor; and Mr. Stapleton and Mr. Kinnersley similarly discharged from being pledges to Mr. Colette.

Whereas certain gentlemen, whose names hereafter ensue, be behind in their vacations since their calls to the outer bar, that is to say, Mr. John Throgmorton, Mr. Ranulph Brereton, for their vacations, 40*s.* each; Mr. Harry Meeres, for one vacation and part of another, 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; Mr. John Founten, for two whole vacations, 4*li.*; Mr. Robert Clerke, the elder, for one vacation, 40*s.*; Mr. Griffyth Williams and Mr. John Lewes, for four whole vacations, 8*li.* each; Mr. William Grevell, for one whole vacation, 40*s.*; it is therefore ordered that if the said persons do not pay their debts before the Quindenes of St. Michael next, they shall be from thenceforth disbarred and lose their places and calling.

Order "that every gentleman of this House that shall be in commons there or lie in any chamber there by the space of one week, and shall be absent from the service in the Temple Church on the Sabbath day in the same week wherein he shall be so in commons or lie in the House, shall forfeit and pay to this House for every such default, 12*d.*, except he shall have such reasonable excuse as by the bench of the House shall be allowed of."

PARLIAMENT held on 13 October, 30 Elizabeth, A.D. 1588, before ANDREW GRAY, GEORGE WYOTT, ROBERT GOLDINGE, VALENTINE PIGOT, FRANCIS BEAMOUNT, and others. JOHN BULLOCKE, treasurer.

Special admission of Richard Gardiner of Bermondsey in the county of Surrey, gent., in respect of Mr. Tredway's first reading in Lent, 1588.

Order "that the commoners shall bear the whole charges in the term and for the apparels, being 81*li.* 10*s.* 2*d.*; and what rate shall be after the term is referred till the next parliament."

Special admission of Mr. John Morley, at the request of Mr. Edward Carrell, paying 5*li.*, being of no House of Chancery before.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 30 Elizabeth, A.D. 1588, before NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAY, GEORGE WYOTT, ROBERT GOLDING, VALENTINE PIGOTT, FRANCIS BEAMOUNT, and others.

The pensions assessed to 2*s*.

Reader for Lent:—Mr. Goldinge.

Attendants on the reader:—Mr. Pigott and Mr. Richard Davyes.

Auditors for the steward's accounts:—Mr. Smalman, Mr. Wroth, Mr. Otley, and Mr. Coventree.

Auditors for the treasurer's accounts:—Mr. Beamount, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Tanfyld, and Mr. Towse.

Whereas at the parliament held on 23 June it was enacted that Gryffyth Williams, John Lewes, John Founten, and William Grevell should be disbarred if they paid not their duties before the Quindenes of Michaelmas, which having failed to do, they are by extremity of that act disbarred, yet a further day is of grace given them to pay the same before the last parliament of this term, failing in which they shall be utterly disbarred.

Whereas Richard Baker, Thomas Draner, John Hele, the younger, Harry Batt, John Reymount, John Throckmorton, and John Thomas are indebted to the House for not keeping the last summer vacation, whereat Mr. Waterhous was reader, and have not paid the same, it is ordered that each of them that shall not pay his duty before the last parliament, shall be likewise disbarred and lose his place.

Order that Mr. Adam Moundford and Mr. Guibon shall be discharged from being pledges for Mr. Cobbe upon their paying Mr. Cobbe's debts. And Mr. Cobbe shall not be received into commons till he put in new pledges.

Order that the matter of the discharge of apparels and the rate of the commons be deferred till next parliament.

The reversion of the office of panierman is granted to Roger Bothbey, son of John Bothbey, the present panierman.

Admission of Robert Devereux, Earl of Essex and Ewe, Viscount Hereford and Bourchier, and Lord Ferrers of Chartley, Lord Bourchier, and Lord Lovayne, K.G., master of the Horse, by the parliament held on 13 October, 1588.

Memorandum, that this admission should have been entered in the first parliament of this term.

Order that at the request of the Earl of Essex, Mr. John Hawyes shall be called to the bar, saving the ancienty of such as shall be called at the next general call.

Treasurer :—Mr. Wyott.

PARLIAMENT held on 24 November, 31 Elizabeth, A.D. 1588, before THOMAS MARIETT, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAY, JOHN BULLOCK, ROBERT GOLDING, and others.

Officers for the grand Christmas :—

Stewards :—Sir Richard Baker, Sir Thomas Lucas, and Sir Rowland Heyward, knights.

Marshals :—Mr. Freyke, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Bisshopp.

Butlers :—Mr. Seibright, Mr. Kirton, and Mr. Grimes.

Memorandum, that these officers should have been chosen on 3 November last.

Special admission of Mr. Longvile, at the request of Mr. Pigott, a bencher, upon payment of 5*li.*

Mr. Ellis Hele to be remitted into commons again, gratis.

Order for the commons to be paid weekly, "and made even every week."

Whereas Mr. Griffith Williams owes for his vacations 8*li.*, Mr. John Lewys, 8*li.*, William Grevell, 40*s.*, John Founten, 6*li.*, besides their pensions, it is ordered that if the said sums be not paid before the first Sunday of Hilary term, that then the last order shall stand in force.

PARLIAMENT held on 26 January, 31 Elizabeth, A.D. 1588-9, before NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAY, JOHN BULLOCK, ROBERT GOLDYNG, VALENTINE PIGOT, FRANCIS BEAMOUNT, and others. GEORGE WYOT, treasurer.

Four pounds allowed to the gentlemen who kept commons last Christmas.

Stewards for the reader's dinner next Lent :—Mr. Middelton and Mr. Mantell.

The steward and the rest of the officers who had no allowance from the gentlemen of the House last Christmas and who offered to serve and were refused, shall be allowed 3*s.* 4*d.* a week each for their board wages.

Order that a further day is given before the last Sunday of this term, for Griffith Williams, William Grevell, and John Founteyne, utter barristers, to pay their duties.

Special admission of William Hampden, a gentleman of Clifford's Inn, for a fine of 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, at the request of Mr. Scot.

PARLIAMENT held on 9 February, 31 Elizabeth, A.D. 1588-9, before NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, JOHN BULLOCKE, ROBERT GOLDING, VALENTINE PIGOTT, FRANCIS BEAMOUNT, and others.

Order for the discharge of Mr. John Molford from being pledge to Mr. Henry Pollard, upon paying the said Mr. Pollard's duties. And Mr. Pollard shall not be received into commons till he put in fresh pledges.

Order that Mr. Griffith Williams, Mr. John Founten, and Mr. William Grevell, not having paid their vacations and other duties according to the former orders, shall be utterly disbarred.

PARLIAMENT held on 20 April, 31 Elizabeth, A.D. 1589, before ANDREW GRAY, JOHN BULLOCK, ROBERT GOLDING, VALENTINE PYGOTT, FRANCIS BEAMOUNDE, and others.

Pensions assessed at 2*s.*

Reader for the summer vacation :—Mr. Davies. The choice of attendants upon the reader is deferred till next parliament.

Special admission of Mr. Reginald Dent in respect of Mr. Goldynge's last reading at Lent, 1589.

Mr. Radcliffe and Mr. Hele called to the bench.

Mr. Brooker called to the bar and to take his place as ancient of the bar.

PARLIAMENT held on 11 May, 31 Elizabeth, A.D. 1589, before EDMUND WALTER, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAY, JOHN BULLOCKE, ROBERT GOLDINGE, VALENTINE PIGOT, and others.

Order that Mr. Thomas Adams shall have a special admission at the request of Mr. Hoker, paying 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Pigot and Mr. Ratclyf.

Order at the suit of Mr. Scot, who is pledge for Mr. Leedes, Mr. Henry Shelly, Mr. Thomas Shelley, and Mr. Anthony Shurley, who are all behind in their duties, that if the said Mr. Scott shall pay the said arrears, he shall be discharged from being pledge for them, and those whose arrears he pays shall not be received into commons before they put in new sureties.

Order that George Ledisham, the steward, shall have a convenient place assigned him in the Garden to build a lodging for himself to lie in. And in consideration of his charges therein no one shall be admitted to it during his life without his consent, and he shall have the power to appoint one or two gentlemen of the House to be admitted thereto, whom the treasurer shall admit upon their paying the duties.

PARLIAMENT held on 1 June, 31 Elizabeth, A.D. 1589, before THOMAS MARIET, JOHN BULLOCK, ROBERT GOLDYNG, FRANCIS BEAMOUNT, THOMAS SMALMAN, EDWARD DREWE, WILLIAM HEWES, JOHN COWPER, JOHN DOLMAN, and others.

Forasmuch as Francis Beamount, Edward Drewe, and John Cowper have received the Queen's writs to be serjeants at law in Michaelmas term next, it is ordered that Mr. Daveis shall be discharged of his reading next vacation, and that Mr. Cowper, being the puisne of the said serjeants elect, shall read for the vacation following.

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Pigot and Mr. Daveis.

Stewards of the reader's dinner :—Mr. Tanfild and Mr. Croke, J.

PARLIAMENT held on 15 June, 31 Elizabeth, A.D. 1589, before NICHOLAS HARE, JOHN BULLOCK, ROBERT GOLDYNG, VALENTINE PIGOT, FRANCIS BEAMOUNT, THOMAS SMALMAN, and others. G. WYOT, treasurer.

Special admission of William Drewe, son and heir apparent of Edward Drewe, serjeant at law elect.

Order that if Mr. Flete, Mr. Ferne, Mr. Meers, and Mr. Throgmorton, lately called to the bar, do not pay their duties due for loss of their vacations, by the morrow of All Souls, that he that fails so to do shall be disbarred.

Order that John Parker, the younger, Henry Meeres, and John Founteyne, heretofore called to the outer bar, shall be disbarred and from henceforth shall not be accounted utter barristers, because they have not kept such exercises of learning as by several acts of parliament are appointed for utter barristers. And further order that Robert Clerke, Thomas Trayford, John Throgmorton, John Hele, the younger, and Adrian Stoughton, called to the bar, shall have their defaults in not keeping the exercise of learning, further considered.

PARLIAMENT held on 12 October, 31 Elizabeth, A.D. 1589, before ANDREW GRAYE, JOHN BULLOCKE, ROBERT GOLDYNGE, VALENTINE PYGOTT, FRANCIS BEAMOUNT, THOMAS SMALEMAN, and others. GEORGE WYOTT, treasurer.

General admission of Mr. Richard Southcott, not being of any House of Chancery, at the request of Mr. Edward Drewe, serjeant elect, for 20*s*.

The matter of the re-admission of Mr. Meeres deferred.

Order that Mr. William Towes be discharged from being pledge to Mr. Leventhorpe upon paying Mr. Leventhorpe's dues. And Mr. Leventhorpe not to be received into commons till he find a new pledge.

Upon the request by letter of the lord chancellor, Mr. Savage's

petition is granted, and Mr. Edward Hancocke is admitted to join with Mr. Savage in his building. And Mr. Ratclyfe and Mr. Hele are appointed to view the place where the building shall be.

Order that Mr. Robert Waterhouse, being a bencher and having no chamber, shall be admitted to the next bencher's table that shall be vacant, except Mr. Edmund Walter's chamber.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 31 Elizabeth, A.D. 1589, before JOHN PAGRAVE, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, JOHN BULLOCK, ROBERT GOLDYNGE, VALENTINE PIGOTT, and others.

Treasurer :—Mr. Goldinge.

Order that in respect of the proceeding of the serjeants, viz.:—Mr. Beamount, Mr. Drewe, and Mr. Cowper, the pension shall be 4*s.*

Reader for next Lent :—Mr. Davies.

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Pygott and Mr. Ratcliff.

Auditors for the steward's account :—Mr. Dolman, Mr. John Hele, the elder, Mr. Duporte, and Mr. H. Hare.

Auditors for the treasurer's account :—Mr. Hewes, Mr. Richard Davies, Mr. Purfrey, and Mr. Coventrey.

Officers for the Grand Christmas :—

Stewards :—Sir Richard Baker, Sir Thomas Lucas, and Sir Thomas Bermeston.

Marshals :—Mr. Freke, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Bishop.

Butlers :—Mr. Seybright, Mr. Kyrton, and Mr. Crompton.

Mr. Secretary Walsingham's letter concerning Mr. Lowther is referred over to the general call of utter barristers.

Special admission of Mr. Thomas Henshawe, at the request of Mr. Serjeant Cooper and in respect of his double reading.

The suit of Mr. Parker and Mr. Meeres is deferred.

Mr. Leeche's suit concerning his vacation is referred to the treasurer.

Whereas George Ledesham, steward, has at his great cost built lodgings in the Garden, it is ordered that none be admitted thereto during his life without his consent, and that the said George may let off such rooms, as he can conveniently spare, to fellows of the House

who shall enjoy them during their lives, and he may nominate one or two gentlemen of the House to be admitted by the treasurer into those lodgings.

Order that the chamber adjoining to the chamber of George Wyeld, one of the outer bar, wherein Mr. Rawle and others are admitted, with the loft over the same, wherein Mr. Smyth lieth, shall be joined to the chamber of the said George, who shall be admitted to the same, saving the rights and titles of such persons as now stand admitted thereto.

Order at the suit of Edward Savage and Edward Hancocke, gentlemen of the House, that a place convenient in the Garden (close adjoining to the west end of the steward's buildings, which are lately erected) be assigned them to build a lodging of 30 feet in length and 18 feet in breadth, and in consideration of the charge they shall be at, no one be admitted to the same during the lives of the said Savage and Hancock without their consents, and that they may nominate and appoint two gentlemen of this company to be admitted to the said lodgings by the treasurer.

PARLIAMENT held on 23 November, 32 Elizabeth, A.D. 1589, before THOMAS MARIOT, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, JOHN BULLOCKE, GEORGE WYOT, VALENTINE PYGOT, and others. ROBERT GOLDINGE, treasurer.

Whereas at a parliament held on 26 November, 1587, it was ordered that certain chambers, twenty-six in number, should from thenceforth be benchers' chambers, amongst which was the chamber in the court near the upper end of the Cloister, called Mr. Hare's Court, into which Mr. Nicholas Hare, a bencher, is admitted, it is now ordered that in consideration of the great charge bestowed in amending and new building that chamber, which was in great decay, it shall not be from henceforth a bencher's chamber.

Whereas the lane leading from the Middle Temple Gate towards the Thames is newly paved or set with stone, and the benchers and fellowship of that House require that we of this House should contribute one moiety of the charge, notwithstanding that it cannot be remembered that any such former allowance has been made, yet

being desirous to continue the quiet of both Houses, it is ordained that N. Hare, John Bullocke, and Robert Goldynge shall confer with the treasurer of the other House to understand the reasons which move them to impose such charge upon this House and accordingly to take order if they can.

Whereas Mr. Michael Loo, one of the clerks of the King's Bench, is a suitor to be admitted into the chamber over the Buttery and Parliament House, which is a bencher's chamber, as appears at the Parliament held on 26 November, 1587, it is ordered that if any bencher will be admitted to the said chamber before the beginning of next term, then the suit of the said Loo to cease, but if no bencher desires to be admitted thereto before the beginning of the said next term, then as the chamber is very ruinous "and will ask great charges in repairing thereof," and that those that be admitted may bear some reasonable part of the charge, it shall be at the disposition of the treasurer to admit either the said Loo or other persons.

General admission of Mr. Thomas Precy, who was of no House of Chancery, for 4*li.*

General admission of Mr. Edward Bromley, one of the younger sons of Sir Thomas Bromley, knight, late lord chancellor, without payment, although he was of no House of Chancery, because his late father was a bencher of this House.

Mr. Drainer and Mr. Halton discharged from being sureties for John Marowe, upon paying his arrears. And the said John shall not be received into commons till he has put in new pledges.

"It is ordered that the treasurer shall appoint some convenient place within the Temple Lane where it shall be lawful to one Henry Branche to set up a stall to work in, being a bag or purse seller, paying 4*d.* per annum."

The shutting up of Ram Alley door is respited, and to be considered at the next parliament.

Whereas at the parliament held on 7 May, 1587, it was ordered that such as should be called to the outer bar should keep such exercises and learnings as were set out, upon pain of being disbarred, and whereas in Trinity term following John Parker and Henry Meeres were called to the outer bar but have since made default in not doing exercises, by reason whereof at the end of Trinity term last, the penalty of the said order was laid upon them, nevertheless

upon their humble suit they are restored again to their former place and degree of utter barristers, and to enjoy their ancienty at the bar. And the said John Parker has compounded for all fines and forfeitures thereby incurred for 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and the said Henry Meeres for 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

"Mr. Lother,[1] Mr. E. Lloyd, the younger, Mr. Esshe, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Owen, Mr. William Brooke, Mr. Hill, Mr. Warner, and Mr. John James, every of them paid 6*s.* 8*d.* to the use of the House for wearing their hats in the Church and at the Kitchen door."

"Mr. F. Gregory paid 6*s.* 8*d.* to the use of the House for wearing his hat in the Parliament House, he being at dinner there."

PARLIAMENT held on 25 January, 32 Elizabeth, A.D. 1589-90, before NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, JOHN BULLOCK, GEORGE WYOTT, and others. ROBERT GOLDYNGE, treasurer.

Allowance of 4*li.* made to the company in commons at Christmas last.

The officers who had no allowance from the gentlemen of the House at last Christmas and who offered to serve and were refused shall be allowed 3*s.* 4*d.* each, for every week for their board wages.

Special admission of John Hele, one of the sons of John Hele, esquire, a bencher, without payment.

Stewards for the reader's dinner at Lent next:—Mr. Thomas Gawen and Mr. Edward Cooke.

Whereas no bencher has made suit for the chamber over the Buttery and Parliament House, it is ordered that Mr. Michael Loo be admitted to the same.

PARLIAMENT held on 8 February, 32 Elizabeth, A.D. 1589-90, before NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, JOHN BULLOCKE, GEORGE WYOTT, VALENTINE PYGOTT, and others.

Whereas at the parliament held on 27 January, 1582-3, it was ordered that Ambrose Jasper, then cook to Sir Thomes Bromley,

[1] The persons mentioned here and in the following entry were probably Puritans. See "Notes and Queries," series 6, vol. ii., p. 314, and correspondence on wearing hats, in series 5 and 6.

should have the reversion of the office of cook upon the death of Michael Lenton, then cook, and forasmuch as the said Michael is dead, it is ordered that the said Jasper shall have the office of master cook, according to the effect of the former act.

"Forasmuch as William Parkes hath many years served in this House as under-cook and hath by all that time dutifully and honestly behaved himself in the said office, by reason whereof it is very likely the said office of master-cook should have been bestowed upon him, if he had not been prevented by the said former grant, and for that his ordinary fee of the House and his avails[1] in the kitchen be far insufficient to maintain him, his wife, and poor children," it is ordered that the said William, so long as he shall serve as under-cook shall have yearly 4*li.* for his fee, over his "ordinary avails in the kitchen." And whereas the said Michael Lenton did take the daily avails of the said Parkes and in recompense allowed him 20*s.* only yearly, it is ordered that the said under-cook shall have his avails in specie or take composition for them at his pleasure.

It is enacted that from henceforth no office in this House shall be granted in reversion.

"Whereas in this present Hilary term, Candlemas day was upon the Monday, and by reason thereof the musicians attended two nights and one whole day, it is agreed that they shall receive 40*s.* in recompense of their service done. And for that they do greatly complain that they receive great damage, for that during the time of Christmas they neither be retained in service here, as before they have been, nor yet have convenient notice given unto them from the fellowship of this House of their determination, so as they may provide for themselves elsewhere, it is also ordered that they shall have sufficient notice given unto them three weeks before Christmas at the least, whether this House will use their service or not, and if no such notice be made unto them it shall be lawful for them to provide for themselves elsewhere during all the said time of Christmas."

"Where divers new buildings be erected near Lyon's Inn to the great annoyance of the gentlemen of that House and the great prejudice of the fellowship here, for that we be proprietors and owners of the said Lyon's Inn, it is ordered that a petition shall be made to the lord chancellor by the treasurer and gentlemen of Lyon's Inn, to

[1] Avails, profits (Halliwell's "Dict. of Arch. Words").

the which the benchers of this House for their better furtherance shall subscribe, that it will please his good lordship to direct his letters to certain gentlemen to be named, for the viewing and reforming of the said nuisance."

Whereas the buildings adjoining the Hall, wherein Mr. Dale, Mr. Wynnyngton, and others did lodge, were so slightly built that a great part of them is already fallen down and the rest thereof is very likely also to fall, to the great hurt and prejudice of other buildings if the same be not prevented by taking of it down, it is ordered that the same be forthwith pulled down and that the old and ancient buildings, being the under room, should be also speedily covered anew.

Mr. Roger Dale discharged from being surety for Mr. John Martyn upon paying the said Martyn's arrears. And the said Martyn shall not be received into commons till he has put in new pledges.

Mr. John Page discharged in like manner from being surety for Stephen Ashby.

Order that Mr. Lawrence Tanfeilde shall stand admitted to the chamber wherein Mr. Francis Ashbye, deceased, was admitted, notwithstanding there is no record of his admission.

Order that Mr. Lawton, reader of Lyon's Inn, may attend his business and be absent next vacation, on condition that he supply his place with a sufficient deputy, as the benchers shall allow.

Licence to Mr. Paul Wright, a gentleman of this House, to amend the sink coming from Ram Alley, or to convey the water and filth coming from Ram Alley into the sink of this House, if it may be conveniently done, on condition that the said Mr. Wright shall contribute to the charge of amending the said sink as need shall require.

Special admission of Walter Tredwaye, son of Mr. Richard Tredwaye, one of the benchers, who is of no House of Chancery, at the request of his father.

Special admission of Mr. Arthur Acland, who is of no House of Chancery, paying 6*li.*

Order[1] that Robert Dudley, esquire, at the request of the Earl of Warwick, shall be admitted to the chamber late Randolph Hurleston's; and the admittance of John Hurleston, son of the brother of the said Randolph, shall be void, because he has forfeited his interest in

[1] Note:—Vide, 14 Eliz.

the same chamber by suffering strangers to lie therein, and has made divers contracts and bargains of the same, contrary to the orders and acts of this House. And further order that by the assent of Mr. Richard Tredwaye, one of the benchers who was lately admitted to the same chamber, that he shall forbear the use of the said chamber and suffer the said Robert Dudley to enjoy the same.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 May, 32 Elizabeth, A.D. 1590, before NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, JOHN BULLOCKE, GEORGE WYOTT, THOMAS SMALMAN, and others. ROBERT GOLDYNGE, treasurer.

Pensions assessed at *2s.*

Reader for the summer vacation :—Mr. Ratclift.

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Thomas Smalman and Mr. John Heale.

PARLIAMENT held on 31 May, 32 Elizabeth, A.D. 1590, before NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, JOHN BULLOCKE, GEORGE WYOTT, THOMAS SMALMAN, and others.

It is agreed that none shall be called to the bench but by parliament in the term time.

"Whereas at a meeting of the most part of the benchers it was moved that those which should read in the House hereafter, should read out their whole vacation, it is now ordered that the old orders therein shall stand and be in force."

Whereas Mr. Maryott, one of the clerks of the Exchequer, makes suit to be discharged from the House, it is ordered that he shall hereafter be accounted none of the fellowship of this House.

Mr. Roger Dale discharged from being pledge for Mr. Pole, upon paying Mr. Pole's arrears.

Order that two of the sons of Sir Edmund Anderson, lord chief justice of the Common Pleas, be admitted into the chamber in Mr. Fuller's Rents wherein Richard Tredwaye, esquire, and Charles Grilles, or one of them, stand admitted, at the request of their father.

Mr. Lewis discharged from being pledge for Mr. Smyth, W., upon paying all Mr. Smith's arrears.

Whereas Mr. William Williams prays licence to make an addition to his buildings, namely, at the end towards Mr. Kellaway's wall, it is ordered that the same be viewed by the benchers remaining here this mean vacation.

It was agreed by most part of the benchers assembled together before this parliament that Edward Cooke, esquire, should be one of the fellowship of the bench and forthwith take his place there, and this to be entered as an act of this parliament, which agreement is, at this present parliament, ratified and confirmed accordingly.

Whereas Mr. John Hare, a fellow of this House, and an officer in the Court of Wards and Liveries, being very desirous to have his office within this House, has been an humble suitor to the bench that he may have licence to pull down the chambers and rooms in the Fine Office Court, wherein he, with Mr. Edward Carill, stands admitted, and in part of which rooms Mr. Farwell now keeps his office, all which are at present very ruinous and likely to fall down; and in the place where the same now stands, at his own costs and charges, newly to erect and build from the ground a room for the said office and rooms for his own benefit, paying yearly for the said office 13*s.* 4*d.* Which petition being considered reasonable, it is ordered that the same be granted, and in consideration of his great charges and because the aforesaid Edward Carill is now disadmitted by his own assent, the same John shall enjoy the said chambers, so built, solely to himself; and his executors, administrators, and assigns within six years after his death may nominate two other persons, being fellows of the House, who shall be admitted to the same, paying 20*s.* a piece.

Order that Mr. Tredwaye, one of the bench, shall be admitted into the chamber wherein Mr. Valentine Pigott stood admitted at the time of his death, and the admittance of Mr. Waterhouse thereto be utterly void.

Licence to Jonah Waterhouse and John Collins, gentlemen of this House, to pull down the chamber wherein they stand admitted and in the place thereof to build one or more chambers. And in consideration of their charges, it is ordered that no person shall be admitted to the same without the consent of the said Jonah and John

and they shall have power to grant two assignments to any two gentlemen of the House.

"It is ordered that forasmuch as the absence of utter barristers this last Lent vacation was so great as the exercises and learnings abroad were not nor could be kept and observed, to the great scandal, discredit, and hurt of this House, it is therefore enacted that all such utter barristers as were then absent, which did sit under Mr. Hugh Hare at the bar and were his puisnes (except such as be or have been readers of Inns of Chancery or such as have been passed over for being called to the bench) shall forfeit and lose to the use of the House 9*s.* And all those utter barristers which were specially bound to attend the learnings of the House by orders of parliament lately made, and then made default, shall also forfeit and pay to the use of the House the like sum of 9*s.*, over and besides the penalties inflicted by the said orders. And it is further ordered that notwithstanding some one or more were here some part of the said Lent vacation, yet if he or they departed and were absent any part thereof, then he or they to forfeit the whole penalty appointed by the said former acts and orders."

Order that Mr. Dyott and Mr. Stoughton shall forfeit 20*s.* each "for that this present Easter term they mooted a case in the Hall which was not warranted by the general case of the House, nor was any point set down by the utter barristers present at the breaking of the general case of the House."

Order that the chambers of all double readers, so long as they are in their hands, shall be repaired by the treasurer at the charges of the House.

PARLIAMENT held on 21 June, 32 Elizabeth, A.D. 1590, before NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, JOHN BULLOCK, GEORGE WYOTT, THOMAS SMALLMAN, and others. ROBERT GOLDYNGE, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner next summer:—Mr. Atwoode and Mr. Ludforth.

The request of Mr. Edward Bromley, a gentleman of this House, to be admitted to the chamber where his two brothers stand admitted, is granted, because his father, Sir Thomas Bromley, late lord chancellor, was a bencher of this House.

PARLIAMENT held on 5 July, 32 Elizabeth, A.D. 1590, before NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, JOHN BULLOCKE, GEORGE WYOTT, THOMAS SMALLMAN, and others.

Whereas the chamber over the Buttery of this House, being a bencher's chamber, is "in divers buildings, leads, walls, and other places thereunto appertaining greatly in decay;" and whereas heretofore the bench have thought it convenient that John Kirton, who is and long has been admitted to the said chamber should pay a certain sum towards its repair, and that Michael Lowe lately admitted to the same should also be at some charge towards the said repairs; and whereas further the said Michael Lowe has since repaired and made anew the study which he occupies as parcel of the said chamber, and has bestowed other costs about the said chambers, in consideration whereof and of 15*li.* paid by the said Michael to the treasurer for the repair of the said chamber, it is ordered that the said Michael shall enjoy the said study during his life, and that Humphrey Lowe, nephew of the said Michael, be forthwith specially admitted a fellow of this House and be always hereafter discharged from all vacations, moots, "boltes," and all other exercises of learning within the House, and that he be free from being steward at any grand Christmas and have liberty to be out of commons in any principal week, and have all other liberties pertaining to a special admission. And further that the said Humphrey be admitted unto the said chamber and enjoy the said study for term of his life, after the death of the said Michael (no other persons now being admitted to the said chamber but the said John, Michael and Edward Bromley). Signed, R. Goldynge, treasurer.

Mr. Cuthbert Raynoldes, Thomas Guybon, George Pope, Ralph Wrighte, Valentine Pritchard, Elize Hele, Edward Bromeley, Gerrard Lowther, Edward Osborne, Edward Hancocke, Andrew Newport, Christopher Esshe, Robert Cowper, John Merifield, John Jackson, Paul Ambrose Crooke, and Ralph Tilston called to the outer bar and each of them to take the oath of obedience at such time as the bench shall think meet.

The calling of Mr. Everard to the bar is left to be considered at the first parliament of next term.

Whereas on the call of Mr. John Harrys to the outer bar, there was a saving of ancienty to all such as should be called at the next general call, it is ordered that the said saving shall be void.

"As touching the viewing of such new buildings in this House as have been made sithens the proclamation, and satisfying of such other articles as be contained in the letters of the lords of the Council, it is ordered that some convenient time shall be appointed for the doing thereof."

Mr. Baughe discharged from being pledge for Mr. Nicholas Saunders, upon paying all the arrears of the said Mr. Saunders.

The calling of Mr. Gwyn to the bar deferred till next call.

PARLIAMENT held on 11 October, 32 Elizabeth, A.D. 1590, before NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, JOHN BULLOCKE, GEORGE WYOTT, and others.

Special admission of Mr. Thomas Saunders, who is of no House of Chancery, at the request of Sir Christopher Hatton, knight, lord chancellor, his kinsman.

Special admission of Edward and Francis, sons of Sir Edmund Aunderson, knight, lord chief justice of the Common Pleas, being of no House of Chancery, at the request of their father.

Special admission of Thomas Nelson, son of Mr. William Nelson, deceased, because the said William was called to a place at the bench board and was chief prothonotary of the Common Pleas.

Special admission of Mr. Henry Norton, at the request of Mr. Ratcliff, reader at last summer vacation, in respect of his reading.

Order that John Hare, esquire, chief clerk in the Wards and Liveries, shall take his place at the upper end of the bar and sit above the prothonotary, for he is ancient in the House to him.

Order that Robert Waterhowse, one of the benchers, shall be admitted to the chamber in Mr. Hare's Court which was Sir George Bromley's and lately Mr. Thomas Smallman's.

It is agreed that Mr. Everarde and Mr. Whitchcoote shall be called to the bar and be utter barristers. And that Mr. Norton, if he be of eight years continuance in the House, shall be likewise called to the bar and be an utter barrister of this House.

Order that a note be made of all such utter barristers as were called to the bar in 29 Elizabeth and since, who have made default in keeping exercises and learnings.

Order, at the suit of George Ledesham, steward, that in consideration of his charges in his buildings in this House, that he may let them to fellows of this House from year to year, until such time as he can let them for lives.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 32 Elizabeth, A.D. 1590, before NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, JOHN BULLOCK, GEORGE WYOTT, and others. ROBERT GOLDYNG, treasurer.

Pension assessed at 2*s*.

Mr. William Hillyard is elected reader for next Lent but because he "is altogether commorant at York" it is ordered that the treasurer shall notify to him his election.

Attendants on the reader:—Mr. Hughse and Mr. Hele.

Auditors for the treasurer's account:—Mr. Tredwaye, Mr. H. Hare, Mr. Pryce, and Mr. Bourghchier.

Auditors for the steward's account:—Mr. Ratcliff, Mr. Coke, Mr. Oteley, and Mr. Scott.

Officers for the grand Christmas:—

Marshals:—Sir Richard Baker, Sir Thomas Lucas, and Sir Thomas Barnadeston.

Stewards:—Mr. Freke, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Bishopp.

Butlers:—Mr. Seybright, Mr. Kyrton, and Mr. Crompton.

Order that Mr. Dolman may have the choice of any bencher's chamber which shall hereafter become void, till he has selected one.

Order that Mr. George Crooke shall be admitted to the chamber wherein Mr. John Crooke and Mr. Henry Crooke, his brothers, stand admitted, notwithstanding it is a bencher's chamber.

Whereas Hugh Wynyngton, a gentleman of this House, has been at great charges in building a chamber at the stair head next to the south door of the Hall, wherein Roger Dale, another gentleman of this House, claimed to be admitted, a controversy has arisen between them, which was referred by the bench to Mr. Hughes and Mr. Wrothe, two of the masters of the bench, who have arranged that

Mr. Dale, upon good consideration, shall give up his title to Mr. Wynyngton. And upon consideration of the great charges of Mr. Wynyngton in building the said chamber and new room or study, and because it is thought too small for two to be together there, it is ordered that he shall have the chamber alone for his life and after his death no one to be admitted thereto without the consent of the bench.

General admission of Thomas Williams, Thomas Myldmaye, and Thomas Dereham; and because they were of no House of Chancery before, they shall each pay 5*li.*

Order that Mr. Brownloe, the chief prothonotary of the Common Pleas, shall sit at the bar table and have ancienty of the other prothonotary.

Order that Mr. Lowe, one of the fellowship of this House and one of the chief clerks of the King's Bench, shall sit at the bar table next beneath Mr. Bromley, E., and shall have ancienty of all under the said Mr. Bromley. And the said Mr. Lowe shall be discharged from all vacations, losses of cases or putting of cases, moots, or other learnings within this house or abroad.

Mr. Goldynge is chosen treasurer for this next year.

PARLIAMENT held on 22 November, 33 Elizabeth, A.D. 1590, before EDMUND WALTER, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAVE, JOHN BULLOCK, GEORGE WYOTT, and others. ROBERT GOLDYNG, treasurer.

Mr. William Hillyard respited his reading this next Lent.

Reader for next Lent:—Mr. John Hele.

Attendants on the reader:—Mr. Hillyard and Mr. Wrothe.

Mr. Gregory, Mr. Rawe, Mr. Smythe, Mr. Gottes, Mr. Norton, and Mr. John Walter are called to the outer bar.

Order "that from henceforth no reader of any of our Houses of Chancery shall expend or allow for the charges of their reader's feast above the sum of 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and it is also ordered that none of the said readers shall come or be present at their said feast."

Whereas Mr. Reppington's chamber is pulled down, it is ordered that he shall be admitted into such other chamber, not being a bencher's chamber, whereof he shall make choice, that shall become void.

PARLIAMENT held on 24 January, 33 Elizabeth, A.D. 1590-1, before THOMAS MARYOTT, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, JOHN BULLOCKE, GEORGE WYOTT, and others.

Stewards for the reader's dinner next Lent:—Mr. Wylde and Mr. Browker.

Allowance of 4*li.* granted to the company who were in commons at Christmas last.

The officers who had no allowance from the gentlemen of the House last Christmas and offered to serve and were refused, shall be allowed 3*s.* 4*d.* each, a week, for their board wages.

Order that Mr. Dr. Cæsar, judge of the High Court of Admiralty and one of the masters of the Requests, shall presently be called to the bench and shall take the oath of obedience.

Mr. Scambler re-admitted to commons.

General admission of John Whiddon, gent., son of Mr. Edward Whiddon. And it is referred to the treasurer to determine what he shall pay, he being of no House of Chancery.

Order that George Ledsam, steward, in consideration of his great charges in building in this House, may let his said buildings for a yearly rent or for lives, during the time granted him, which is for his life and two lives after his death.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 February, 33 Elizabeth, A.D. 1590-1, before THOMAS MARYOT, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, GEORGE WYOTT, and others.

Mr. Dr. Cæsar, one of the masters of the Requests and judge of the High Court of Admiralty, is admitted to the chamber wherein Mr. Robert Waterhowse now stands admitted. Provided that the said Dr. Cæsar shall always give place there to the said Mr. Waterhouse when he shall be here present. And the said Dr. Cæsar shall have the choice of such benchers' chambers as shall become void, saving the choice granted to Mr. Dolman.

Special admission of Mr. Thomas Mildmaye, son of Sir

Thomas Mildemay, knight, being of no House of Chancery, upon paying 8*li.*

Special admission of the two sons of Mr. J. Harper at their father's request, being of Clement's Inn, and they are to pay 30*s.* each.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 April, 33 Elizabeth, A.D. 1591, before NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, GEORGE WYOTT, and others.

Pension assessed at 2*s.*

Reader for the summer vacation :—Mr. Wrothe.

Attendants on the reader : —Mr. Hillyard and Mr. Hugh Hare.

Mr. Hillyard fined 5*li.* for not attending his last reading, according to the order of the House.

Mr. Lawton, reader of Lyon's Inn, fined 5*li.* for non-attendance. And another reader shall be chosen.

Special admission of George Abney, being of Clement's Inn, at the request of John Bullock, esquire, paying only 20*s.*

Special admission of George Kempe, son of George Kemp, esquire, secondary of the Queen's Bench, being of Clifford's Inn, at the request of his father, paying only 5 marks.

Order that forasmuch as the chamber under the Hall, wherein Mr. Reynoldes is admitted, is very necessary for the use and service of this House, therefore Mr. Reynoldes shall be freely admitted to any chamber he shall desire, if it be not a bencher's chamber.

Order that the gardener shall have the use of the said chamber under the Hall for his necessary occasions and shall have 10*li.* yearly for his wages, and he shall have the use of the lower house appointed for the gardener, after the decease of the woman that now is in possession there.

Whereas there was a controversy between Thomas Lawley and John Rosse, gentlemen of the society, about a chamber that was lately Mr. Griffithe's, of the bar, the masters of the bench have ordered that so long as Thomas Lawley continues here, according to the orders of the House, he shall enjoy the chamber and study as ancient, not excluding the said John Rosse who may lie in the chamber and, in the absence of the said Thomas, enjoy the study.

PARLIAMENT held on 16 May, 33 Elizabeth, A.D. 1591, before THOMAS MARYOTT, NICHOLAS HARE, GEORGE WYOTT, and others.

Whereas licence is granted to Mr. Edward Savage and Mr. Edward Hancock, fellows of this Society, upon the special request of Sir Christopher Hatton, K.G., lord chancellor, and for the good opinion which the masters of the bench have conceived of them, to erect one frame or building, containing 44 feet in length and 18 feet in breadth, with convenient rooms for studies and staircases, in the lower part of the Garden near adjoining a building lately erected by George Ledsome, steward. In consideration whereof it is ordered that no one be admitted to the said building during the lives of the said Edward Savage and Edward Hancocke or the longer liver of them without their consent, and that the said Savage and Hancock may admit to each chamber two persons, being fellows of this society.

Order by the masters of the bench that Edward Savage and Edward Hancock shall find towards the erecting of a house for the gardener's wife (such as is already agreed upon) tiles, lathe, and boards for one floor, and he shall pay the one "halfendeale"[1] of the workmen's wages towards finishing the same. To which order Mr. Savage and Mr. Hancock have consented.

The matter of controversy between Mr. Newton and Mr. Dent is referred to the treasurer.

Order that Ambrose Jasper, the head cook of this House, shall have the use of the chamber wherein Mr. John Thomas stands admitted.

Special admission of Mr. Thomas Gale, of no House of Chancery, at the request of Mr. Gale, an ancient of the bar, and upon the motion of some of the bench, paying only 3*li.*

Special admission of Thomas Munck, esquire, of no House of Chancery, paying 4*li.*

[1] Halfendele, a half part (Halliwell's "Dict.").

PARLIAMENT held on 6 June, 33 Elizabeth, A.D. 1591, before NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, JOHN BULLOCKE, GEORGE WYOTT, and others. ROBERT GOLDYNG, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner next summer:—Mr. Crowther and Mr. Foster.

"The orders for readers and readings in Inns of Court are left to be considered of until the pleasure of the justices in that behalf be further understood."

Order that Mr. Norton and Mr. Walter, being called to the bar, shall take their places at the bar table.

Order that when Mr. Gwynn shall be called to the outer bar all such ancienty as at any time heretofore he had, shall be saved to him.

Order that Mr. Bromley and Mr. Shaftoe, being out of commons and at the board's end, shall be again restored into commons.

PARLIAMENT held on 20 June, 33 Elizabeth, A.D. 1591, before THOMAS MARYOTT, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, JOHN BULLOCKE, GEORGE WYOTT, and others.

Whereas at the parliament held on 8 February, 1568-9, licence was given to Edward Williams to make and build at his own costs and charges a chamber near Mr. Dudley's and Mr. Glasier's chamber, without cost to the House, which he did in part, leaving one room of 14 feet in length and in breadth according to the rest of his lodging, which his workmen who undertook his building then omitted, he being out of town, and whereas the said Edward now offers to build a room to the west of his lodging, licence is given him to build the said room with stairs on the outside of his said lodging to serve for the upper rooms, with like privileges as are contained in his former licence.

Mr. Nicholas Hare, Mr. Wyott, and Mr. Tredway are appointed to be viewers of the buildings belonging to Lion's Inn.

The rents are deferred to be further considered.

Special admission of Mr. Salwey, at the request of Mr. Arthur Salwey, secondary of Mr. Fanshawe's office, paying only 5*li.*

PARLIAMENT held on 10 October, 33 Elizabeth, A.D. 1591, before ANDREW GREY, GEORGE WYOTT, JOHN DOLMAN, JOHN HELE, and others.

Mr. Crowther fined 5*li.* for not giving his attendance as steward of the reader's dinner at the last summer reading. And if he shall not, before the feast of All Saints, pay all sums of money as were laid out in his absence, it shall be considered of at the next parliament.

Mr. Cæsar and Mr. Henshawe called to the outer bar.

Special admission of Mr. Paul Salmon, one of the attorneys of the Court of Wards and Liveries, paying only 40*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on the Morrow of All Souls, 33 Elizabeth, A.D. 1591, before NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, JOHN BULLOCK, GEORGE WYOTT, and others.

Pension assessed at 2*s.*

Whereas at the parliament held on 22 November last, Mr. Hillyarde was respited his reading till Lent, and forasmuch as he has not certified the masters of the bench that he will then attend but (as it is informed) given intelligence to one or more of the bench that he has no purpose then to read, it is ordered that he shall be fined 100 marks and from henceforth be discharged his reading.

Reader for next Lent vacation :—Mr. Hugh Hare.

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Huyse and Mr. Cooke.

Auditors for the treasurer's account :—Mr. Waterhowse, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Hugh Wyott, and Mr. Prydieux.

Auditors for the steward's account :—Mr. Tredwaye, Mr. Hugh Hare, Mr. Duport, and Mr. Towse.

Officers for the grand Christmas to stand as before.

Mr. Rosse who was put out of commons for some misdemeanours, upon his humble suit is re-admitted into commons. And it is ordered that to-morrow at dinner he shall come to the board's end with his fine of 40*s.* due to the House.

" The like order is taken for Mr. Southcot and Mr. Aynscome,

who were put out of commons for not singing upon Hollymas day[1] last, being specially warned aforehand to provide for their songs."

General admission of Gressam Williams, at the request of his father, Mr. Reginald Williams, an ancient of the bar, paying only 20*s.*

Special admission of William Hynde, at the suit of his father, Mr. Rowland Hynde, an ancient of the bar, paying only 4 marks.

General admission of Thomas Barkley, at the request of John Hele, esquire, paying only 40*s.*

Whereas Mr. Rippington, who had a warrant to be admitted to any chamber that hereafter should be void, being destitute of a chamber, admitted himself to one which there is no hope he can long enjoy because there are three or four there already admitted, it is therefore ordered that the said Mr. Rippington may be there in the absence of the others, and if in the mean time any other chamber which he may like should become void, he shall be admitted thereto.

Order that the treasurer, Mr. Dolman, Mr. Duport, and Mr. Marshe shall view and consider a door and window newly built out of Ram Alley towards the Temple, and other doors there made to the prejudice of this House, and to report to the bench.

Whereas the chamber wherein Mr. Gale and Mr. Robert Clarke are admitted was for a long time vacant, whereby it grew into ruin, and afterwards Mr. Ralph Burges, one of the fellowship of this House, was admitted thereto; since which time Mr. Gale and Mr. Clarke made suit to remove the said Mr. Burges, because he was an attorney and for other causes. And whereas the said Mr. Gale rests satisfied because his son was admitted to the said chamber and had his father's study, and the treasurer compounded the controversy between the said Burges and the said Clarke, and in consideration of 5*li.*, the said Clarke agreed that the said Burges should enjoy the said chamber, and further because the lord chancellor has requested the benchers to confirm the admittance of Mr. Burges, it is ordered that the said Mr. Burges shall quietly have, hold, and enjoy the said chamber and study.

Order that if Mr. Crowther shall not pay the treasurer before

[1] All Hallows' or All Saints' Day.

Candlemas next such money as the steward has laid out for him about the reader's dinner and also 5*li.* amercement, he shall stand *ipso facto* disbarred, and a *sub pœna* be also awarded against him to answer the money.

The petition of Morgan Jermyn touching a tenement adjoining Lion's Inn is referred to the board.

Mr. Huyse appointed treasurer for next year.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 November, 34 Elizabeth, A.D. 1591, before NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAY, GEORGE WYAT, ROBERT GOLDYNGE, and others.. WILLIAM HUGHSE, treasurer.

It is agreed that this House shall contribute 40*s.* towards the new building of a decayed side wall of the hall belonging to the parsonage house, which belongs to both the Temples.

Order that Mr. Gregory Aynscombe shall be re-admitted into commons, his fine being remitted *ex gratia.*

Special admission of Mr. William Gardyner at the request of Mr. John Heyle in respect of his first reading.

Special admission of Mr. Thomas Bilclyffe, at the request of Mr. Thomas Wrothe of the bench, in respect of his first reading.

Mr. William Pryce, Mr. Thomas Coventree, Mr. Laurence Tanfeld, and Mr. George Wylde are called to the bench and ordered to take their places as they come, without having or taking any ancienty of any others there before called to the bench.

Order that Mr. William Weste and Mr. Peter Blage shall be remembered to be called to the bar at the next general call.

PARLIAMENT held on 30 January, 34 Elizabeth, A.D. 1591-2, before JULIUS CESAR, one of the masters of the Requests, EDWARD COOKE, recorder of London, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREVE, JOHN BULLOCKE, ROBERT GOLDINGE, and others.

Allowance of 4*li.* to the company that kept together in commons at Christmas last.

Allowance of 3*s.* 4*d.* each, a week, to the officers of this House

who had no allowance from the gentlemen that kept commons last Christmas, and who offered to serve and were refused.

Mr. John Crooke, Mr. John Hare, Mr. Richard Brunlowe, and Mr. Hugh Brooker called to the bench; and John Crooke shall be ancient of this call and puisne of the last call. And John Crooke and John Hare shall take their place at the bench immediately, and Mr. Brunlowe and Mr. Broker at next term.

Whereas Mr. Brian Crowther has paid all such money as the steward laid out for him as one of the stewards of the reader's dinner last summer, it is ordered that the acts made in the parliament held on 10 October, and on the morrow of All Souls last as to the fine of 5*li.*, shall be void.

Stewards for the reader's dinner in Lent:—John Hare and Richard Brownlowe.

PARLIAMENT held on 6 February, 34 Elizabeth, A.D. 1591-2, before JULIUS CESAR, esquire, one of the masters of the Requests, EDWARD COOKE, esquire, recorder of London, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, JOHN BULLOCKE, ROBERT GOLDINGE, and others.

Order that Mr. William Hyllyar's fine of 5*li.* for non-attendance shall stand, and his fine of 100 marks for not reading his double reading and for his discharge, upon his suit that his weak and infirm body was the only let that he did not read, is reduced to 40*li.*

Mr. Ralph Candyshe's suit for admission to the House deferred to next parliament.

Order that the said Ralph shall yield up the cellar wherein he lodges in the parsonage house to the master of the Temple before the feast of the Annunciation.

Special admission of Mr. Nicholas Heyle, of no House of Chancery, at the request of Mr. John Hele, one of the bench, his uncle, paying only 20*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on 16 April, 34 Elizabeth, A.D. 1592, before JULIUS CESAR, esquire, one of the masters of the Requests, EDWARD COOKE, esquire, recorder of London, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, JOHN BULLOCKE, GEORGE WYATT, ROBERT GOLDINGE, esquires, and others.

Pensions assessed at 2*s*.

Reader for the grand vacation :—Mr. Edward Cooke, recorder of London.

Attendants upon the reader :—Mr. Hughse and Mr. Pryce.

Mr. Hugh Hare's special admission in respect of his first reading granted to Mr. William Dobson, a fellow of this House.

Mr. Robert Barker's suit for Mr. Robert Dudley's chamber in Parkington's Buildings respited for further consideration.

Order that Mr. Hughse, treasurer, Mr. George Wyatte, Mr. Tredway, and Mr. Ratlyffe shall be viewers for this House of the chambers belonging to the parsonage house in the Temple, "wherein divers gentlemen, as well of this House as of the Middle Temple, be now lodged, to consider the difference of the same chambers and every one from others in rooms and commodiousness, and also for this House to be taxers how much every of the same gentlemen shall contribute and pay, in respect of the chamber wherein he is lodged, towards the buildings now preparing for the placing and lodging of Mr. Doctor Bawldgay, now master of the Temple."

Whereas divers encroachments have been lately made by divers citizens, whose dwellings and habitations border upon the garden wall of the parsonage house, on the north side of the said garden, by buildings lately erected upon the said wall, "and whereas also there be newly made and raised of late many 'wydrawghtes or seeges'[1] adjoining to the said wall with lights and open loops, made for the same in and through the said wall" to the great annoyance of the said garden, it is ordered that the said treasurer of this House and the said Mr. Wyatt, Mr. Tredway, and Mr. Ratlyffe shall forthwith confer with the treasurer of the Middle Temple and others of the same House, who are likewise interested in the same garden and wall, as to removing the said encroachments and annoyances.

[1] Wydraughts and seges, drains and latrines or jakes (Halliwell's "Dict.").

Whereas at the parliament held on 6 February last the suit of Mr. Candyshe was deferred, it is ordered that as some misdemeanour was objected against him, Mr. Coventree, Mr. Tanfeld, and Mr. Wyelde shall examine the same objection and report to the next parliament.

Whereas the treasurer of Lion's Inn, on behalf of that House or Inn, Morgan Germyn for himself, and Thomas Gomersall for himself, are suitors for a lease of one of the tenements belonging to this House adjoining to Lion's Inn, now in the occupation of the said Morgan Germyn, it is ordered that the treasurer of this House shall conclude with such of the said suitors as shall make the best offer, the said treasurer of Lion's Inn to have the first preferment, the said Morgan the next, and the said Thomas the last.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 May, 34 Elizabeth, A.D. 1592, before SIR HENRY COCKE, knight, JULIUS CESAR, esquire, one of the masters of the Requests, EDWARD COOKE, esquire, recorder of London, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, JOHN BULLOCKE, GEORGE WYATT, ROBERT GOLDYNGE, and others. WILLIAM HUGHSE, treasurer.

Order that the order of 6 February, 1591-2, touching Mr. Hillyard's several fines of 5*li.* and 100 marks shall stand, because the sums are not paid in accordance with the said order.

Special admission to Mr. Robert Weste, son and heir apparent of Sir Thomas Weste, of no House of Chancery, at the request of Sir Henry Cocke, knight, paying only 40*s.*

Order, at the request of Sir Henry Cocke, that if Robert Weste, Sir Thomas Weste, or the said Sir Henry Cocke shall hereafter build any room or chamber upon the White Friars wall adjoining the Temple, that it shall be lawful for the builder thereof to have a door in the same buildings opening into the Temple Garden, and make a pair of stairs from the said door to the garden, and to use the same stairs during the pleasure of the benchers and no longer.

Special admission of Mr. Richard Farmer of Somerton, in the county of Oxford, son and heir of Mr. Thomas Farmer, deceased, of no House of Chancery, at the request of Mr. Hugh Hare, paying only 5*li.*

Special admission of Henry Huddelston, son and heir of Sir Edmond Huddelston, knight, of no House of Chancery, at the request of Mr. Wylde, one of the benchers, paying only 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Mr. Walter Wynter referred to the bench table for his re-admittance into commons.

Mr. Bourchier, an utter barrister of this House, fined 6*s.* 8*d.* for beginning to build two rooms for studies at the west end of Mr. Savage's and Mr. Hancock's buildings without leave, but licence is granted him to finish them as additions to Mr. Savage's and Mr. Hancock's buildings.

Whereas there is a controversy between Mr. Francis Smalman and Mr. Francis Smythe as to the ancienty in a chamber in Mr. Fuller's later buildings, wherein Mr. Raymond has been long admitted, upon consideration it was finally ordered that the said Mr. Smalman should have ancienty in the said chamber.

The suit of John Russell, the gardener, for a further allowance because he has to keep a man at the garden gate to prevent all manner of people from entering, is referred to Mr. Recorder of London, Mr. Nicholas Hare, Mr. George Wyatte, and Mr. John Hele.

Mr. Ralph Cavendishe's admission deferred, because he had not attended all three benchers who were appointed to examine him as to a misdemeanour supposed to have been committed by him.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 May, 34 Elizabeth, A.D. 1592, before JULIUS CESAR, one of the masters of the Requests, EDWARD COOKE, esquire, recorder of London, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, GEORGE WYAT, ROBERT GOLDINGE, and others.

Stewards for the reader's dinner in the next grand vacation :— Mr. Towse and Mr. Norrys.

Mr. Recorder and the others, to whom the gardener's petition was referred, report that they consider that the gardener deserves an augmentation of 5*li.* to be added to his former stipend of 10*li.*, which augmentation was allowed at this parliament.

PARLIAMENT held on 11 June, 34 Elizabeth, A.D. 1592, before JULIUS CESAR, one of the masters of the Requests, EDWARD COOKE, esquire, recorder of London, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, GEORGE WYATT, ROBERT GOLDINGE, and others.

Whereas at the parliament held on 7 May, 1592, it was ordered that Mr. William Hillyard's fine of 100 marks imposed upon him "for his not double reading" should be reduced to 40*li.*, on the condition therein contained, but the said William did not pay the said 40*li.* with another fine of 5*li.*, yet, as it appears that he had taken order for the payment thereof, but was disappointed therein, and afterwards endeavoured to pay the said 45*li.*, and did pay the same at the beginning of this present term, it is ordered that from henceforth he be discharged from the residue of the said 100 marks.

General admission of Mr. Thomas Lucas, son and heir apparent of Sir Thomas Lucas, a bencher, at the request of his father, without paying any fine.

The suit of Mr. John Hurleston touching his claim to a chamber, late Mr. Hurleston's, a bencher, referred to the bench board.

Whereas at the parliament held on 16 May, 1591, it was ordered that Mr. Savage and Mr. Hancocke should find towards erecting a house for the gardener's wife, tiles, lathe, boards for one floor, and pay the halfendell [1] of the workmen's wages for finishing the same, but the said gardener's wife refuses to bear any charge thereof, the building of the same house is respited till further order.

The suit of the master of the Temple for an order to be taken in this House for the better payment of his church dues, and for some augmentation of the same towards his maintenance, is referred to Mr. Recorder, Mr. Wrothe, and Mr. Hugh Hare.

The petition of Lion's Inn for the two tenements lying within the quadrant of their House, whereof one is rented by the year at 53*s.* 4*d.* and the other at 20*s.*, is respited till the first parliament of next term.

Touching the tenement adjoining Lion's Inn, wherein Morgan Germyn dwells, it is ordered that the treasurer of this House shall bargain for the letting thereof for the most profit of this House.

[1] See note on p. 374.

Whereas it was ordered that Mr. Kyrton should have paid Mr. Goldinge, late treasurer, 28*li.* towards the repair of the chamber and rooms over the Parliament House and Buttery, wherein he stands admitted, which he has hitherto refused to pay, and whereas it was also ordered that Mr. Michael Lowe should also pay the sum of 15*li.* towards the repair of the same chamber and rooms, which he has paid, but by the default of the said Mr. Kyrton the said chamber and rooms remain unrepaired, it is ordered that the treasurer shall cause the same to be repaired, and if the said Mr. Kyrton does not pay the said 28*li.* before All Hallowtide he shall be disadmitted from the same chamber.

PARLIAMENT for the Inner Temple held at Hertford in the county of Hertford, on 5 November, 34 Elizabeth, A.D. 1592, before JULIUS CESAR, one of the masters of the Requests, EDWARD COOKE, solicitor of the Queen, ANDREW GREY, JOHN HEYLE, THOMAS COVENTREE, —— CROOK and others.

Whereas William Hughse, the treasurer, should by course have read his double reading in next Lent vacation, it is ordered that upon his petition and in respect of his many years and weakness of body, he shall be discharged from the same for ever, saving such fine for his dispensation, as shall be thought meet.

Reader for the grand vacation in Lent next:—Mr. William Pryce.

The election of attendants upon the reader respited till next parliament.

The election of auditors for the steward's account and for the treasurer's account respited till next parliament.

Order that all the officers for the grand Christmas shall remain as they were in the last year.

Order that the four watchmen at the Temple shall be continued till the next beginning of commons in the Temple and each of them to be allowed 4*s.*

Order that Mr. Baker, the minister, shall remove his family from the house which is built against the church before the feast of

St. Andrew the Apostle, and he shall have no further use of the same house till further order be taken.

Mr. Hughse to continue treasurer for the year ensuing.

PARLIAMENT held at the Inner Temple on 28 January, 35 Elizabeth, A.D. 1592-3, before JULIUS CESAR, one of the masters of the Requests, EDWARD COOKE, solicitor of the Queen, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, JOHN BULLOCKE, GEORGE WYATTE, ROBERT GOLDINGE, and others.

Pension assessed at *2s.*

Attendants on the reader at Lent vacation :—Mr. Doleman and Mr. Coventree.

Auditors for the treasurer's account:—Mr. Hugh Hare, Mr. Crooke, Mr. Towze, and Mr. Scotte.

Auditors for the steward's account:—Mr. Ratlyffe, Mr. Coventree, Mr. Bowser, and Mr. John Mulford.

Stewards for the reader's dinner in Lent vacation :—Mr. Hugh Wyatt and Mr. Malory.

Order that John Botheway, the panierman, Thomas Asplyn, John Evans, and Richard Green "kitcheners of this House" shall be allowed for board wages and daily and nightly watching and safe keeping of this House, for all the time wherein no commons have of late been here held, that is to say, for twenty-one weeks ended the — day of this present January, at the rate of *4s.* a man for every week. And George Ledesham, steward, the steward's man, Richard Marple, Thomas Lellowe, John Mayer, Edward Rowlande, and Richard Sharpehowse, officers and servants of the House, shall be allowed for their board wages weekly for the said time, according to the allowance in such cases of discontinuance of commons.[1]

The fine of Mr. Hughse for the discharge of his double reading respited till next parliament.

General admission of Mr. Richard Wrighte, of no House of Chancery, at the request of Mr. Solicitor, for 4 marks.

[1] Note :—"See the account of Ranulph Hurleston, 25 Elizabeth, for such allowances."

Special admission of Mr. Nicholas Whytyngham, of no House of Chancery, at the request of Mr. Solicitor, paying only 4 marks.

The special admission belonging to Mr. Edward Cooke, in respect of his first reading, is, at his request, granted to Mr. Francis Myngey, a fellow of this House.

The petitions of Mr. Doctor Balgay, master of the Temple, referred to Mr. Nicholas Hare, Mr. Andrew Grey, and Mr. Robert Goldinge.

The contention between Mr. Baker, clerk and minister in the Temple Church, and Thomas Myddelton, clerk of the same church, concerning a shop adjoining the said church, is referred to Mr. George Wyatte and Mr. John Hare, "to be examined, heard, and determined, if they can."

PARLIAMENT held on 11 February, 35 Elizabeth, A.D. 1592-3, before JULIUS CESAR, one of the masters of the Requests, EDWARD COOKE, solicitor of the Queen, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, JOHN BULLOCKE, GEORGE WYATTE, ROBERT GOLDINGE, and others. WILLIAM HUGHSE, esquire, treasurer.

Whereas Mr. Doctor Balgaye, master of the Temple, has made his humble petition, that in consideration of his having disbursed out of his own purse about the building and repair of the parsonage house above 100 marks, that it would please both the Houses to allow him towards his said charge the sum of 30*li.*, whereupon it was ordered that the treasurer of this House should allow to the said master 15*li.* for his said charges.

The matter of Mr. Hughse's fine further respited till next parliament.

Whereas Mr. Kyrton has neither sent money towards the repair of the chamber over the Buttery, nor made answer to the treasurer's letter, it is referred to the bench table to see how far he stood chargeable for the repairs of the said chamber.

Whereas one Zachary Bennytte, citizen and skinner of London, has made his petition that he might "juttye[1] a new building," which

[1] Jutty, a part of a building which projects beyond the rest (Halliwell's "Dict."). Hence the verb as here used.

he intends to make on his own ground on the east side of the lane leading from the street into the Inner Temple, two and a half feet over his wall adjoining the same lane, Mr. Nicholas Hare, Mr. Tredwaye, and Mr. Wrothe were appointed to view the place and consider whether the said "juttying or building" would be an annoyance to any lights or a hindrance to carriages through the said lane. Whereupon the said viewers having certified that the said building or the juttying of the same was no annoyance or hindrance, the said petition was granted.

Whereas at the parliament held on 6 May, 34 Elizabeth, A.D. 1592, it was ordered that Ralph Candishe should yield up the cellar in the parsonage house, wherein he lodged, and upon information that he neither had left or would leave and yield up the said cellar to the master of the Temple, it is ordered that the treasurers of this House and of the Middle Temple should examine the cause why he refuses to leave.

Whereas the treasurer and fellows of Lion's Inn have petitioned that they may have in farm under some reasonable agreement so many of the tenements belonging to this House as stand within the square of their House, as well for the augmentation of lodgings as for the removing of certain annoyances, it is ordered that Mr. George Wyatte, Mr. Ratlyffe, and Mr. Wylde shall view the said tenements and consider what annoyances are meet to be removed, and certify to the next parliament.

Mr. Edmond Warner, Mr. Thomas Massingberde, Mr. William Lockay, Mr. Robert Yonge, Mr. Edward Waties, Mr. John Lloyde, Mr. Thomas Goldingham, Mr. John Rosse, Mr. William Fletcher, Mr. David Waterhowse, Mr. Christopher Shafto, Mr. Philip Rysden, Mr. John Preistley, Mr. Nicholas Cholmeley, and Mr. William Brocke called to the outer bar.

PARLIAMENT held on 6 May, 35 Elizabeth, A.D. 1593, before EDWARD COOKE, solicitor of the Queen, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, JOHN BULLOCK, GEORGE WYATTE, ROBERT GOLDINGE, and others.

Pension assessed at *2s.*

Reader for next grand vacation in summer:—Mr. Thomas Coventree.

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Doleman and Mr. Tanfild.

The fine of Mr. Hughse, treasurer, for discharge of his double reading assessed at 20*li.*

Mr. George Wyatte, Mr. Ratliffe, and Mr. Wylde, appointed to view the tenements in Lion's Inn, signify that they have not made their view.

The said persons, with Mr. Wrothe, are appointed to view the annoyances of which the principal and fellows of Clement's Inn complain, and to certify their opinions therein.

The special admission belonging to Mr. Price in respect of his first reading is given at his request to Mr. Gamull, one of the fellows of this House.

General admission of Mr. Thomas Foster, of no House of Chancery, at the request of his father, Mr. Thomas Foster, of the outer bar, without payment.

Mr. Dewporte, of the outer bar, remitted into commons without fine.

"For that the debts owing diversely by this House are so great, that the ordinary revenues and duties of the same neither will nor can suffice to satisfy and content the same, it is therefore ordered, granted, and enacted at this parliament for the better performance thereof, that a general taxation shall be set and imposed upon all the fellows of this House severally in manner and form following, to be paid immediately, that is to say, upon every bencher, 20*s.*, upon every utter barrister, 13*s.* 4*d.*, and upon every inner barrister or other fellow of this House, 10*s.*"

PARLIAMENT held on 27 May, 35 Elizabeth, A.D. 1593, before JULIUS CESAR, one of the masters of the Requests, EDWARD COOKE, solicitor of the Queen, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, JOHN BULLOCKE, GEORGE WYATTE, ROBERT GOLDINGE, and others.

Stewards of the reader's dinner in the next grand vacation, this summer :—Mr. Gadbridge and Mr. Bridges.

"It is ordered at this parliament that Mr. Coventree his reading in August next ensuing, shall hold, if the next Trinity term do hold in all, and not otherwise, because the infection of the plague is feared

to increase." And further that if the said reading hold not, then such as be chargeable to serve their vacations shall not be compelled to make their attendance this summer, nor shall incur any loss or forfeiture for the same, but shall serve the same at some other time.

Order that Mr. Kyrton, not having paid the treasurer 28*li.* for the repair of the chamber over the Parliament House and Buttery, shall henceforth stand disadmitted from the same chamber.

Admission of Mr. John Tredway, one of the younger sons of Mr. Richard Tredway, a bencher, without payment.

Mr. Walter Tredwaye discharged from being pledge for Mr. William Daye, having paid the said Mr. Daye's arrears.

The suit of Ambrose, the cook, for an allowance for board wages when commons happen to be broken up, like other officers have, is rejected because there is no precedent for such allowance.

Whereas the treasurer and fellows of Lion's Inn have petitioned the benchers of this House for a messuage or tenement adjoining their House, now in the tenure of Stephen Martyn or his assigns, and of the ancient yearly rent of 53*s.* 4*d.*, and also for another messuage or tenement in the same occupation and adjoining their said House of the yearly rent of 20*s.*, for the better lodging of their fellows, and removing divers very incommodious and noisome things, it is ordered that the said two messuages or tenements shall be from henceforth united for evermore to the said House of Lion's Inn for the several yearly rents aforesaid.

Order that no family shall hereafter be kept in the little house lately erected against the Temple Church by Richard Baker, the minister, while he was clerk of the said church, now commonly called the Clerk's House, and further that the order touching the said house and shops used with the same, made by Mr. George Wyatte and Mr. John Hare, of this House, and Mr. Thomas Bowyer and Mr. Davy Williams of the Middle Temple, on 4 May, 1593, shall stand in full strength, according to the tenor of the said order, to the effect following:—that upon examination of the cause between Richard Baker, the minister, and Pascall, and Thomas Middelton, the clerk, although the said Mr. Wyatte and the others much disliked such buying and selling of the clerkship, yet as the said Middelton is placed in the office, and Richard Baker was at some charge in building the said house, although he had received 20*li.* from Middelton, yet for ending

the cause they persuaded Middelton to give Baker, as well for himself as to satisfy such demands as are between him and Pascall, 20*li.* more, and so the clerk Middelton to enjoy the house and shops.

PARLIAMENT held on 17 June, 35 Elizabeth, A.D. 1593, before EDWARD COOKE, solicitor of the Queen, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, RICHARD TREDWAY, JOHN HEYLE, WILLIAM PRYCE, THOMAS COVENTREE, and others. WILLIAM HUGHSE, treasurer.

Order that the possessors of the five late buildings near adjoining to Clement's Inn and to the garden of the same House, shall before Lammas day next enter into bond with the principal of the said House to take down the said buildings before the feast of the Annunciation, because they have built the same since the proclamation, and because the buildings are to the great annoyance of the said House, and the possessors have given their consents to take them down. And upon the taking down of the said buildings the principal and ancients of the said House shall cause the pale of their garden to be set up again.

Mr. Apollo Playne called to the outer bar, and he shall have all such privileges and dispensations as Mr. Lowe had.

Order that the head butler shall from time to time disburse such sums for things necessary to be done within the House as by the bench shall be commanded. And also that Ram Alley gate shall be shut up immediately after the end of this present term.

Order as before that commons shall continue so long as twenty gentlemen or more keep together, and after there shall be less than fifty they shall not be bound to keep more officers of the House than shall be convenient to attend upon them.

PARLIAMENT held on 1 July, 35 Elizabeth, A.D. 1593, before EDWARD COOKE, solicitor of the Queen, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, JOHN HEYLE, HUGH HARE, WILLIAM PRYCE, and others.

General admission of Mr. Thomas Drewe, son and heir apparent to Mr. Serjeant Drewe, without payment.

Whereas Mr. Gryffithe, of this House, has entered into a lower chamber, parcel of Mr. Prydvaux' chamber, and pulled down the

partition between his own and Mr. Pridyaux' chambers, Mr. Pryce and Mr. John Hare are appointed viewers of the same.

Order that William Knight, glover, and Elizabeth, now his wife, late the wife of Roger Moore, deceased, shall hold the shop at the Temple Gate, late in the tenure of the said Roger Moore, during pleasure, paying yearly to the treasurer at the feast of All Saints, a pair of gloves, and keeping the place about the shop clean and sweet.

For the better removing of Mr. Ralph Candyshe out of the cellar belonging to the parsonage house, it is ordered that the treasurer of this House shall appoint someone to join with the under treasurer of the Middle Temple for removing the said Mr. Candyshe and putting the master of the Temple in possession thereof.

"Forasmuch as the infection of the plague is greatly increased and dispersed within the city of London and suburbs of the same at this present time, and very likely to become more dangerous hereafter, it is thought meet and convenient in respect thereof to break up the commons of this House," it is therefore ordered that the said commons shall break up on Saturday next, and that no private commons shall be kept after the 14th instant, for the better preserving of this House from the said infection.

The act made at the parliament held on 27 November, 1575, concerning the payment of commons, confirmed and ordered to be put in use now at the breaking up of commons.

John Botheway, the panierman, Roger Botheway, John Evans, Richard Greene, Henry Braunche, and Thomas Middelton, the clerk, appointed to keep and watch the House, and each of them shall have 3*s.* 4*d.* weekly, except the said Middelton who shall have 2*s.* 6*d.*

PARLIAMENT held at St. Alban's on 11 November, 35 Elizabeth, A.D. 1593, before JULIUS CESAR, one of the masters of the Requests, EDWARD COOKE, solicitor of the Queen, ANDREW GREY, JOHN HEYLE, THOMAS COVENTREE, LAURENCE TANFILDE, GEORGE WYLDE, JOHN CROOKE, and JOHN HAYRE, with others. WILLIAM HUGHSE, treasurer.

Reader for next grand vacation in Lent:—Mr. Thomas Coventree.
Attendants on the reader:—Mr. Doleman and Mr. Tanfilde.

Auditors for the treasurer's account :—Mr. Wylde, Mr. Brownlowe, Mr. Bourchier, and Mr. Walter.

Auditors for the steward's account :—Mr. John Crooke, Mr. John Hare, Mr. John Heyle, the younger, and Mr. Harrys.

Treasurer :—Mr. Doctor Cesar.

The petition of Mr. Hughse "for qualifying of his fine" for discharge of double readings, referred to the next Parliament.

The former officers for the grand Christmas, with the addition of Mr. John Ive, are appointed to stand.

The "placing of the new gardener" deferred till next parliament.

Admission of Mr. Thomas Barlye at the request of Mr. John Haire for a fine of 40*s*.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 January, 36 Elizabeth, A.D. 1593-4, before NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, JOHN BULLOCK, GEORGE WYAT, ROBERT GOLDING, and others. JULIUS CESAR, treasurer.

Pension assessed at 2*s*.

Reader for next grand vacation in Lent :—Mr. John Heale.

Attendants on the reader :— Mr. Dolman and Mr. Coventree.

Stewards for the reader's dinner :—Mr. Gradbage and Mr. Bridges.

The fine of Mr. Hughse for the discharge of his double reading, formerly assessed at 20*li*., reduced to 10*li*.

Order that the gardener shall have entertainment for one year, and longer if he be liked, and he shall have such wages as the last gardener had.

Order that Mr. Ralph Cavendish's suit for a special admission shall not be allowed nor he admitted.

Order that the officers that were attendant during the time that commons of this House were broken up, shall have such weekly allowance for board wages as has been heretofore in such cases given.

Admission of Mr. George Suthcot, for a fine of 50*s*.

Order that Mr. Robert Wiseman shall have a general admission for a fine of 66*s*. 8*d*.

Order that instead of the last vacation, a new vacation shall be served.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 February, 36 Elizabeth, A.D. 1593-4, before EDWARD COOKE, solicitor of the Queen, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, JOHN BULLOCKE, GEORGE WYAT, ROBERT GOLDING, and others.

Order that Mr. George Littleton shall take the place of Mr. Gradbage as steward of the reader's dinner, and Mr. Gradbage to be for ever discharged from the stewardship of any reader's dinner.

General admission of Mr. Francis Heyle, one of the sons of Mr. John Heyle, bencher and serjeant elect, without fine. And he shall also be admitted to the chamber wherein the said Mr. John Heyle stands admitted, notwithstanding it is a bencher's chamber.

Order that Mr. Prideaux shall immediately be restored to that part of his chamber which Mr. Richard Griffith detains from him.

Mr. Nicholas Hare, Mr. Golding, Mr. Wrothe and Mr. Coventrey are appointed to peruse and pen the orders of this House, which are to be delivered to the justices, concerning double readers and calling to the bar.

Mr. Haywarde, admitted to one of Mr. Hancock's lodgings, asks to be allowed a piece of ground at the back of his chamber the length of his chamber and 12 ft. broad, that he may remove further an unsavoury ditch now near his study window, and Mr. Wrothe and Mr. Hugh Hare are appointed to view the same.

PARLIAMENT held on 21 April, 36 Elizabeth, A.D. 1594, before EDWARD COOKE, attorney general, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, JOHN BULLOCKE, GEORGE WIAT, ROBERT GOLDING, and others.

Pensions assessed at 4*s.* by reason of the serjeant's call.

Reader for next grand vacation in summer:—Mr. Thomas Coventree.

Attendants on the reader:—Mr. Dolman and Mr. Tanfielde.

The special admission belonging to Mr. John Heale, in respect of his double reading, granted at his request to Mr. Henry Corbet, one of the fellows of this House.

The general admissions of Mr. John Pollexfen and Mr. James

Fleetewood, being of no House of Chancery, at the request of Mr. Serjeant Heale, paying respectively 40*s.* and 20*s.*, are confirmed.

The general admission of Mr. Thomas Playfere, at the request of Mr. Attorney General, was confirmed, without any fine.

Admittance of John Heale and Francis Heale, sons of Mr. John Heale, serjeant elect, to the said Mr. Heale's chamber over the Crown Office.

At the request of Mr. Serjeant Heale that Mr. Lowman, Mr. Pembridge, and Mr. Penyman should be called to the bar, it was ordered that a remembrance thereof should be entered.

Whereas Mr. Serjeant Heale in his last reading had disbursed to the steward 15*li.* for the reader's drinking, where he had never a guest, it was ordered that Mr. Barker and Mr. Middleton, Mr. Lucas's pledges, should pay the same.

PARLIAMENT held on 12 May, 36 Elizabeth, A.D. 1594, before EDWARD COOK, attorney general, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, JOHN BULLOCKE, GEORGE WIAT, ROBERT GOLDING, and others.

Special admission of Mr. William Pit, at the request of his father, Edward Pit, esquire, filacer[1] of London and one of the fellows of this House, "in consideration of the sundry pleasures by him done to this House, without paying any fine."

Order at the request of Mr. John Bullock, a bencher, that Mr. Roger Manners' fine for his general admission "shall be qualified to 66*s.* 8*d.*"

At the request of Robert Sackevile, esquire, son and heir apparent to Lord Buckhurst, for a licence to make a new door into his chamber and to set a rail before his chamber, it is ordered that Mr. Hugh Hare and Mr. John Crooke shall view the same, and if they deem it convenient it shall be allowed.

Mr. George Peter, at the request of Robert Golding, esquire, a bencher, is allowed a general admission paying but 66*s.* 8*d.*

Touching Mr. John Rosse's petition to be admitted to a chamber

[1] See note on p. 138.

wherein Mr. Marshe stands admitted, it is ordered that Mr. Marshe shall be called before the bench to know whether he will be contented therewith.

PARLIAMENT held on 2 June, 36 Elizabeth, A.D. 1594, before EDWARD COOKE, attorney general, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, JOHN BULLOCKE, GEORGE WIAT, ROBERT GOLDING, and others.

Stewards for the reader's dinner next grand vacation:—Mr. Atkinson and Mr. G. Williams.

Mr. Lancelot Lother being *extra per mandatum* was by authority of parliament re-admitted and pardoned his fine.

Order that whosoever shall be put out of commons *per mandatum* shall not be received into commons again but by act of parliament, paying 40*s.*

Order that the officers shall put Mr. Prideaux in possession of his lower room, which Mr. Griffith keeps from him.

Mr. James Weston's petition to be admitted to the chamber over the Buttery, wherein his late uncle Mr. Michael Lowe stood admitted, is referred to the next parliament.

PARLIAMENT held 16 June, 36 Elizabeth, A.D. 1594, before EDWARD COOKE, attorney general, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, JOHN BULLOCKE, GEORGE WIAT, ROBERT GOLDING, and others. JULIUS CESAR, treasurer.

General admission of Mr. Richard Day, a younger son of Mr. Dr. Day, dean of Windsor, at the request of Mr. Tredway, paying only 4*li.* for a fine.

Special admission of Mr. Edward Poledall, at the request of Mr. Dolman, paying only 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

General admission of Mr. Thomas Godman at the request of Mr. Brograve, attorney of the Duchy, paying only 4*li.*

Order that Mr. Wrothe and Mr. Hugh Hare shall survey all the certificates for admissions into the House, for it is thought that many of them are false and untrue.

Order that Mr. Wrothe and Mr. Hugh Hare shall view the void space between Mr. Radcliff's and Mr. Dewport's buildings and con-

sider whether it is fit "that the same should be impaled," and that they should also view the pale about Mr. Edward Williams' chamber and a muck hill by the conduit head and to redress the same as they shall think good.

"And it is also enacted that if any fellow of this House, being in commons or lying in the House, shall wear either hat or cloak in the Temple Church, Hall, Buttery or at the Buttery bar, or at the dresser, or in the Garden, he shall forfeit for every time that he shall so offend 6*s.* 8*d.*"

"And that the ancient order that none shall take his commons or a repast in the House, unless he beforehand give warning thereof at the Buttery hatch unto some one of the butlers, upon pain of forfeiture of a month's commons, shall be from henceforth duly executed."

Order that Mr. William West shall be remembered at the next call to the bar and be then called.

Order touching the petition of Mr. James Weston at the last parliament, that if he shall deliver to the treasurer an obligation made by Mr. Marples, chief butler, to Mr. Michael Lowe for the payment of 40*li.*, then an order shall be given at the next parliament touching his said petition.

PARLIAMENT held on 13 October, 36 Elizabeth, A.D. 1594, before EDWARD COOKE, attorney general, ANDREW GREY, ROBERT GOLDING, and others.

Special admission of Mr. Thomas Dolman, at the request of his father, a bencher of this House, gratis.

General admission of Mr. Edward Southecote, of no Inn of Chancery, paying only 53*s.* 4*d.*

Special admission of Mr. John Bosowne,[1] brother of Mr. Attorney General, of no Inn of Chancery, paying only 20*s.* for a fine.

Special admission of Mr. John Madockes, gentleman usher of the Exchequer, of New Inn, paying only 40*s.*

General admission of "Ady" Sare, of no Inn of Chancery,

[1] John Bosanne, half brother of Sir Edward Coke, son of Winifred, mother of Sir Edward, by her second husband.

at the request of his father, Thomas Sare, secondary in Mr. Brownelowe's office, paying only 53*s.* 4*d.*

General admission of Mr. Thomas Kinge, of no Inn of Chancery, at the request of his father in law, Mr. John Glascocke, one of the ancients of the bar, paying only 53*s.* 4*d.*

The 30*li.* disbursed for Mr. Griffith Williams' charges of the reader's dinner to be considered at the next parliament, and in the mean time to see who are his pledges.

Order "that Mr. Treasurer, Mr. Wrothe, Mr. Hugh Hare, Mr. John Hare, Mr. Foster, and Mr. Towse should consider of the water of this House and whether it shall be fit for us to deal with Mr. Bulmer for a quill[1] from his pipe or no."

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 36 Elizabeth, A.D. 1594, before EDWARD COOKE, esquire, attorney general, NICHOLAS HARE, WILLIAM HUGHSE, and others. JULIUS CESAR, treasurer.

Pension assessed at 2*s.*

Mr. Dolman is respited for his double reading, and Mr. Tanfield is appointed reader for the next Lent vacation.

Attendants on the reader:—Mr. Tredway and Mr. Wielde.

Auditors for the treasurer's account:—Mr. Wrothe, Mr. John Hare, Mr. Foster, and Mr. Prideux.

Auditors for the steward's account:—Mr. Doleman, Mr. Wielde, Mr. Atkinson, and Mr. George Crooke.

Officers for the grand Christmas:—

Marshals:—Sir Henry Cocke, knight, Sir Thomas Lucas, knight, and Sir Thomas Barnadiston, knight.

Stewards:—Mr. Crompton, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Bisshop.

Butlers:—Mr. Drewe, Mr. Sebright, and Mr. Kirton.

Order that, for the recovery of the 30*li.* disbursed by the treasurer for Mr. Griffith Williams' charges of the reader's dinner last summer, a *sub pœna* should be had out of the Chancery against him, in the name of the treasurer, and that my lord keeper should be made acquainted therewith.

[1] Quill, the faucet of a barrel (Halliwell's "Dict."). Hence the meaning here intended, of a connection.

"And where report was made at this parliament that Mr. Treasurer, Mr. Wrothe, Mr. Hugh Hare, Mr. John Hare, Mr. Foster, and Mr. Towse had considered of the water of and for this House, according to an order of the last parliament on that behalf made, and that they, thinking it fit to deal with Mr. Bulmer for some of his water, had conferred with him thereabouts and agreed, if the House thought so good, to give Mr. Bulmer 20*li.* for a fine and 40*s.* rent by the year to furnish us by the space of twenty years from his pipe with sufficient store of water into our Kitchen and Buttery, to run at several cocks therein for the service thereof, and to make our own water to serve plentifully for the use of our cellar and to run waste at such cocks as heretofore it hath been acccustomed, ourselves bearing the charge of the lead cocks and workmanship, it was ordered that the bargain should stand so that we might have 40 or 50 years, and it was referred to the same committees to confer with Mr. Bulmer again concerning the same."

At the request of my Lady Hunsdon, it was ordered that Mr. Charles Morgan, her near kinsman, should be generally admitted, paying only 4*li.* for a fine.

Order that Mr. Adrian Stoughton should be remitted into commons and his fine of 40*s.* restored to him.

Special admission of Mr. Hiliard, at the request of Mr. William Hiliard, of the bench, his father, gratis.

Treasurer:—Mr. Doctor Cesar, one of the counsel of the court of Requests, again elected.

MISCELLANEA.

1593-4, February 6. Memorandum of the delivery by William Hughse, esquire, late treasurer, to Mr. Doctor Cæsar, now treasurer, of the evidences, writings, plate, and napery following:—

"Inprimis, an obligation with a condition, bearing date the 23rd day of November, 7 Elizabeth [A.D. 1564], wherein George Warner, gent., standeth bounden to Sir Richard Sackvile knight, and others in the sum of 30*li.*

"Item, an obligation with a condition, bearing date the first day of September, 28 Elizabeth [A.D. 1586], wherein Richard Jackson and

one other do stand bounden to Andrew Grey, then treasurer, in 40 marks.

"Item, an acquittance by Mr. Roper for 75*li.*

"Item, an indenture of bargain and sale, bearing date the 20th day of June, 20 Elizabeth [A.D. 1578], between John Roper, esquire, of the one part, and Thomas Marriott and others, benchers of the Inner Temple, of the other part.

"Item, an indenture of bargain and sale, dated the 18th day of June, 25 Elizabeth [A.D. 1583], between Hugh Hare, gent., of the one part, and Robert Wythe and many other benchers of the said Inner Temple, of the other part.

"Item, an indenture, dated the 27th day of April, 24 Elizabeth [A.D. 1582], between Edmond Bokenham, esquire, of the one part, and —— Hare, gent., of the other part.

"Item, a deed of release, dated the 27th day of February, 26 Elizabeth [A.D. 1583-4], made by the said Hugh Hare to the said Robert Wythe and others.

"Item, both the parts of the chirograph of a fine between the said Hugh Hare and Edmond Bokenham.

"Item, the copy of a recovery in paper by the said Hugh Hare against the said Edmond Bokenham.

"Item, an obligation, dated the 27th day of January, 28 Elizabeth [A.D. 1585-6], wherein George Ledesham and others stand bounden to Thomas Marryott and other benchers of the Inner Temple, in the sum of 400*li.*

"Item, an indenture, dated the 9th day of July, 10 Elizabeth [A.D. 1568], concerning the demise of a piece of ground to the Middle Temple.

"Item, the form of a submission appointed to be made by Robert Atkynson of the Inner Temple.

"Item, an indenture of bargain and sale, bearing date the 18th day of June, 25 Elizabeth [A.D. 1583], between Nicholas Hare, esquire, of the one part, and Robert Wythe and many other benchers of the said Inner Temple, of the other part.

"Item, an indenture of bargain and sale, bearing date the 27th day of April, 24 Elizabeth [A.D. 1582], between Edmond Bokenham, esquire, of the one part, and Nicholas Hare, esquire, of the other part.

"Item, both the parts of a chirograph of a fine between the said Edmond Bokenham and Nicholas Hare.

"Item, the copy of a recovery in paper by the said Nicholas Hare against the said Edmond Bokenham.

"Item, an obligation with a condition dated the 23rd day of June,—Elizabeth, wherein Edward Brumley, gent., standeth bounden to Andrew Gray, esquire, as treasurer, in the sum of 20 marks.

"Item, the form of a submission in paper appointed to Thomas Bawde of the Inner Temple.

"Item, two writings in parchment concerning the Association of the Inner Temple, viz., the one touching the bench and the other the bar.

"Item, three other writings in parchment concerning the several Associations of Clement's Inn, Clifford's Inn, and Lion's Inn.

"Item, a little bundle of acquittances for payments to the Queen's Majesty's use.

"Item, four bundles of letters.

"Item, some orders of the Inner Temple in paper.

"Item, the copy of a letter from the benchers to the lords of the Council.

"Item, the articles of inquiry.

"Item, four dozen of napkins, four bench table cloths, four long table cloths, four bar table cloths, four cloths for the middle tables, three cloths for the Library, four cloths for the 'swyngers'[1] table, two cloths for the clerks' commons table, three cloths for the officers' table, two cloths for the yeomans' table, five towels for the bench, and other five for the Hall, good and bad.

"Item, eight silver bowls and four silver salts, with a cover for the trencher salt.

"Item, two dozen of silver spoons."

Signed by "Willm Hughse nuper thesaur' ibidem," and "Tho: Cæsar, vice thesaurarius."

[1] Probably a mistake for "syngers" or singers.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

PARLIAMENT held on 24 November, 37 Elizabeth, A.D. 1594, before EDWARD COOKE, attorney general, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, WILLIAM HUGHSE, and others.

Order that Mr. Bradshaw Drewe's remission into commons shall be respited till next term.

Order that the petition of Thomas Middleton for a place to be assigned to him in the Churchyard to build a wash-house upon, shall be referred to the bench.

Special admission of Mr. Thomas Reade, at the request of Mr. Dolman, paying 10*li.* for a fine.

PARLIAMENT held on the vigil of St. Thomas the Apostle, 37 Elizabeth, A.D. 1594, before NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, HUGH HARE, JOHN HARE, RICHARD BRUNLOWE, and others. JULIUS CESAR, treasurer.

The marshals, stewards, and butlers for Christmas, as elected on the 3rd November last, were called and did not appear.

Order "that the treasurer of this House shall deliver unto the ambassador to be sent from the state of this House to Gray's Inn, towards his expenses, the sum of twenty marks."[1]

Order that Mr. George Crooke shall draw the lease of the water to be supplied by Mr. Bulmer to this House, and it shall be made to all the benchers.

At the petition of George Ledsam, steward, in consideration that his buildings lately erected in the Garden are by reason of a false foundation shrunk a foot and a half towards the Thames, it is ordered that it shall be lawful to him, his executors, and assigns to erect three "ranks of studies" against the buildings for the better upholding and supporting of them. And the said George to have the same privileges of and in the said studies as in his former buildings.

[1] The "ambassador of Templaria" attended at the Gray's Inn revels this year, when the "Comedy of Errors" was played. See Douthwaite, "Gray's Inn," p. 227, etc.

PARLIAMENT held on 26 January, 37 Elizabeth, A.D. 1594-5, before EDWARD COOKE, esquire, attorney general, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, ROBERT GOLDING, WILLIAM HUGHSE, and others.

Order that the officers of the grand Christmas shall be amerced for their non-appearance as the last officers before them were.

Order that such officers as attended at this Christmas and had no allowance for their diet within the House, shall be allowed for their board wages 3*s.* 4*d.* a piece, weekly.

Order that the company in commons last Christmas shall be allowed towards their charges 4*li.*

General admission of Mr. William Ball at the request of Mr. Wrothe, paying only 5 marks.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Thomas Kirton and John Lewis.

Order that if Mr. Arthur Corry, John Parker, William Baker, and Humphrey Fowling do not come in this term and take upon them to be stewards of the reader's dinner or show good cause in excuse to the bench, that they shall be disbarred and put out of the House.

The petition of the students of this society that their beer might be amended to the rate of 6*s.* the barrel, referred to next parliament.

Order for the admittance of Mr. Holte into the chamber of Mr. Attorney General, according to the tenor of the letters of the Countess of Leicester and Sir Christopher Blunte to the treasurer, and according to the order of 25 November, 1576.

Order that Mr. James Briver[1] and Mr. Thomas Carleton be remitted into commons having paid all their duties, but the time thereof referred to the table's end, where they are to attend in that behalf.

Order that such watchmen as attended this House at Christmas last shall be allowed 3*s.* 4*d.* each by the week for their labour.

Special admission of Mr. John Greene, paying only 8*li.* for a fine.

[1] *Sic.* Possibly a mistake for James Driver, who was admitted in 1590.

Order that Mr. Thomas Foster and Mr. William Towse be called to the bench.

PARLIAMENT held on 9 February, 37 Elizabeth, A.D. 1594-5, before EDWARD COOKE, attorney general, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, ROBERT GOLDING, WILLIAM HUGHSE, and others.

Order that Mr. Bradshaw Drew shall be remitted into commons, and shall attend at the bench table end and there tender his fine of 40*s.*

Order that the commons shall be served with beer of 6*s.* the barrel until the first parliament of Trinity term.

On the petition of Mr. John Parker to be discharged from his stewardship without disbarring or being put out of the House, it was ordered that he may be discharged upon paying 5*li.* to the treasurer before the end of next term or else be disbarred.

Special admission of Mr. Clepisby Gawdy, son of Sir Thomas Gawdy, gratis.

Special admission of Mr. Thomas Gawdy, the eldest son of Mr. Henry Gawdy, paying only 40*s.*

General admissions of Mr. Robert Gawdy and Mr. Henry Gawdy, two other sons of the said Henry Gawdy, paying 20*s.* each.

"Upon the letters of Sir Arthur Heveningham praying licence to build certain lodgings for his children at the by-walk next the high wall, near Mr. Bridge's lodging, it is ordered that when his sons shall be of the House, then consideration shall be had of some place fit for such a building."

PARLIAMENT held on 11 May, 37 Elizabeth, A.D. 1595, before EDWARD COOKE, attorney general, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, ROBERT GOLDING, WILLIAM HUGHSE, and others.

Pension assessed at 2*s.*

Reader for the summer vacation :—Mr. Wilde.

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Tredway and Mr. Crooke.

Order that all those who by course ought to have taken upon

them to be stewards of the reader's dinner in Lent, shall be put out of this House till it shall be otherwise ordered by parliament.

Order that Mr. William Kennell, Mr. Richard Blount, Mr. Robert Pye, Mr. Thomas Brooke, Mr. Rice Davies, Mr. William Looker, Mr. Andrew Powell, Mr. Thomas Rysdon, Mr. Anthony Pembridge, Mr. Thomas Penniston, Mr. Thomas Lloid, Mr. John Page, Mr. William Wright, Mr. Philip Comerforde, Mr. John Stone, Mr. Jonas Waterhouse, Mr. Thomas Carleton, Mr. William Pennyman, Mr. John Reynoldes, and Mr. Nicholas Rowe shall be called to the outer bar and from henceforth be utter barristers.

Order that whereas Richard Marples, chief butler, was heretofore allowed by every commoner but 2*d.* a week for his cheese, he shall be allowed 3*d.* a week till the last parliament of Michaelmas term.

The special admission belonging to Mr. Tanfield in respect of his first reading, was, at his request, granted to Mr. Thomas Coell.

Special admission of Mr. Henry Bulstrode, at the request of Mr. John Crook, paying only 100*s.*

Special admission of Mr. John Price, gratis, in regard that his father was a bencher.

General admission of Mr. Philip Watson, at the request of Mr. William Watson, an ancient of the bar, his father, paying only 20*s.*

Special admission of Mr. Nicholas Steynes, at the request of my Lord Anderson, paying only 100*s.*

General admission of Mr. John Farewell, at the request of his father, "old Mr. Farewell," paying only 20*s.*

General admission of Mr. Henry Heale, at the request of his father, Mr. John Heale, of the bar, paying only 40*s.*

The complaint made concerning the five houses that are built in the garden near Clement's Inn to the annoyance of the students there and contrary to an order of this House made 17 June, 1593, is referred to be considered at the table's end.

Mr. Bagott's letter with an order made 18 June, 1594, touching money due to Mr. Loe for his chamber, is referred to the table's end.

PARLIAMENT held on 1 June, 37 Elizabeth, A.D. 1595, before EDWARD COOKE, attorney general, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, ROBERT GOLDING, and others.

Special admission of Mr. Thomas Coventree, son and heir apparent of Mr. Thomas Coventree, of the bench, gratis.

General admission of Mr. William Scott, at Mr. Tanfield's request, paying only 40*s.*

All matters concerning the chamber over the Buttery are referred to the table's end.

The general admission of Mr. John Heveningham confirmed, but it was referred to the treasurer to know the pleasure of the bench concerning his fine.[1]

The controversies between Mr. Francis Anderson and Mr. John Walter are referred to be heard and determined at the board's end.

Mr. Humphrey Repington's petition to stand disadmitted in the House was referred to the bench.

Whereas by the parliament held on 3rd November, 1588, it was enacted that Roger Bothby should have the office of panierman in reversion, after the decease of John Bothby, his father, and forasmuch as the said John Bothby is now dead, it is ordered that the said Roger shall enjoy the said office during his life.

Upon the petition of John Mortimer, gardener, for the reversion of the dwelling house of Mrs. Mason with the garden plot thereto belonging, it is ordered that after the decease of the said Mrs. Mason that the said house and garden plot shall be annexed to the office of gardener.

PARLIAMENT held on 22 June, 37 Elizabeth, A.D. 1595, before EDWARD COOKE, attorney general, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, ROBERT GOLDING, and others.

Stewards of the reader's dinner this summer:—Mr. Bourchier and Mr. Prideux.

[1] Note:—That their pleasure is that the fine shall be 100*s.*

Mr. Weston's offer[1] to pay the 18*li.* demanded by Mr. Bagar (*sic*) for Mr. Loe and to deliver the bond to Mr. Marples, so that he might have an order to be admitted into the chamber over the Buttery, was referred to the bench.

Mr. Repington's petition to stand disadmitted in the House was referred to the bench.

Order that Mr. Gregory Enscombe, Mr. Ellis, and Mr. Lowman shall now be called to the bar, and be utter barristers annexed to the last call, whereby their ancienty may be saved.

Order that Mr. Arthur Corry, Mr. William Baker, Mr. Thomas Kirton, Mr. Humphrey Fowling, and Mr. Wintrop, because they have not taken upon them to be stewards of the reader's dinner, as by order of the House they ought to have done, shall be from henceforth put out of this House and be disadmitted thereof for ever.

PARLIAMENT held on 6 July, 37 Elizabeth, A.D. 1595, before EDWARD COOKE, attorney general, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GREY, ROBERT GOLDING, and others.

"By authority of this parliament it is enacted that no gentlemen of this House shall from henceforth carry any meat out of the Hall at the time of any feast or drinking there kept, unless within three days then next after he do voluntarily give notice thereof to the bench of this House, upon pain to be put out of commons."

Order that the act of parliament made 16 June, 1594, whereby it was ordered that Mr. William Weste should be remembered at the next call to the bar and be then also called, and the letters of Sir Christopher Wray, knight, late lord chief justice, and of Sir Edmond Anderson, knight, lord chief justice of the Common Pleas, both dated 13 November, 1591, "and the same Lord Anderson's letters" dated 11 June, 1592, and Mr. Justice Beaumonte's letters of 9 February, 1594-5, and the letters of the lord keeper of the Great Seal of 21 June, 1595, being all written in commendation of the said Mr. Weste, the calling of him to the bar shall be referred to the next parliament to be then fully considered.

[1] Note:—James Weston. Vide Parliament' sequent' et al' tent', 16 Junii, A° 36 Eliz.

General admission of Mr. Henry Mingey, at the request of Mr. Attorney General, paying only 40*s.* for a fine.

Order that John Evans, the turnspit, in regard of his long service in this House, his poverty, age, impotency, and charge of children shall have weekly 2*s.* during his life.

Whereas this House has disbursed 40*li.* in the repair of the chamber over the Buttery, wherein Mr. Edward Bromley, Mr. George Abney, and Mr. Humphrey Lowe, now stand admitted, it is ordered that the said Mr. Abney and Mr. Lowe shall pay the treasurer 20 marks each before the end of next reading, upon pain of being disadmitted from the same. And if they make default, the treasurer may admit any one or two other fellows of this House upon paying 20 marks each, always provided that Mr. Richard Brunlowe, a bencher, be preferred thereunto before any other.

Order that Mr. Marples shall pay 10*li.* to Mr. Weston and take in his bond, and the treasurer shall pay the same 10*li.* to Mr. Marples out of the first of the said 20 marks he shall receive.

"Forasmuch as it is informed to this parliament by Mr. Nicholas Cholmeley that Mr. John Madockes was admitted into the fellowship of the Middle Temple before his admission into this House, it is ordered that he shall cause the contrary to be certified upon pain of expulsion out of this House, if the said information shall be found to be true."

Order that the said Mr. Nicholas Cholmeley shall be forthwith admitted into that chamber in Mr. Hare's Court wherein Mr. Thomas Cesar and Mr. William Blunte, now stand admitted, *salvo jure*, etc. And the said Mr. Cholmeley shall lie in the said chamber in the place of the said Cesar so long as the same Cesar shall lie in his brother's lodgings.

PARLIAMENT held on 12 October, 37 Elizabeth, A.D. 1595, before EDWARD COOKE, attorney general, ANDREW GREY, ROBERT GOLDING, and others. JULIUS CESAR, treasurer.

Order that the clerk, panierman, under-cook, and Braunche shall have such allowance for watching this House in the last vacation as has been formerly allowed.

Order that the acts of parliament for calling of Mr. Weste to the bar be referred to the next parliament.

At the request of Mr. Thomas Webb, of the King's Bench Office, it is ordered that further day shall be given to Mr. Humphrey Lowe to the last parliament of this term, to give answer whether he will pay the 20 marks towards the charges disbursed by the House for building his chamber, and in the mean time he may stand admitted thereto again.

Order that the several grievances of the steward, surveyors, and gardener shall be referred to Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Golding, Mr. Hugh Hare, Mr. Foster, Mr. Towse, Mr. George Crook, Mr. Carleton, and Mr. Peniston, who shall also meet touching the reformation of abuses concerning commons.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 37 Elizabeth, A.D. 1595, before EDWARD COOKE, attorney general, ANDREW GREY, ROBERT GOLDING, WILLIAM HUGHSE, and others.

Pension assessed at 2*s*.

Mr. John Dolman discharged from his double readings upon paying 20*li*. fine.

Reader for the grand vacation in Lent :—Mr. John Crooke.

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Tredway and Mr. Foster.

Auditors for the treasurer's accounts :—Mr. Hughse, Mr. Foster, Mr. Duporte, and Mr. George Crooke.

Auditors for the steward's account :—Mr. Tredway, Mr. Towse, Mr. Scot, and Mr. Carleton.

Officers for the grand Christmas :—

Marshals :—Sir Henry Cocke, knight, Sir Thomas Lucas, knight, and Sir Thomas Barnadeston, knight.

Stewards :—Mr. Crompton, Mr. Wrighte, and Mr. Bisshop.

Butlers :—Mr. John Ive, Mr. Drew, and Mr. Sebrighte.

Treasurer :—Edward Cooke, esquire, her Majesty's attorney general.

Order that Mr. Griffith Williams' obligation shall not be discharged till he has paid 20*li*. 3*s*. the residue of his principal debt of 50*li*. 3*s*., yet unpaid, and 44*s*. 3*d*. for charges of his suit.

Order that from henceforth no part of any duty due to this House, shall be abated.

Order that Mr. Weste and Mr. Blage shall not be called to the bar before they have performed the exercises of learning in the House.

Special admission, gratis, of Richard Sharpehouse, late one of the butlers, in consideration of his services.

Mr. Rowe is admitted to come to the board's end, there to understand the pleasure of the bench for his remission into commons.

Order that Mr. Cholmeley and Mr. Madockes shall be at the board's end on Thursday next, at dinner.

PARLIAMENT held on 23 November, 38 Elizabeth, A.D. 1595, before JULIUS CESAR, doctor of laws, one of the masters of the Court of Requests, JOHN CROOKE, recorder of London, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAY, ROBERT GOLDINGE, and others. EDWARD COKE, treasurer.

Special admission of Mr. Edward Littelton, son and heir apparent of Sir Edward Littelton, gratis, at the request of Thomas Coventre, a bencher, in respect of his first reading.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Mr. Edward Litleton and Mr. Walter Winter.

Special admission of Mr. Arthur Radeforde, son and heir of Laurence Radforde, esquire, deceased, late a bencher, paying 5*li.*

Order that commons this vacation shall be weekly 4*s.*

Order that no man shall be above a fortnight in arrear for his commons, and if on request he pays not, he shall be put out of commons.

Order that whereas Mr. John Dolman was discharged from his double reading last parliament for 20*li.* fine, "for causes showed, it is qualified at 10*li.*"

Every man that made default at the last revels is fined 6*d.*

Order "that no allowance for building to be had for this year."

PARLIAMENT held on the vigil of St. Thomas the Apostle, viz:—
20 December, 38 Elizabeth, A.D. 1595, before JULIUS CESAR, doctor of laws, one of the masters of the Court of Requests, JOHN CROOKE, recorder of London, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, JOHN HARE, RICHARD BROWNELOWE, WILLIAM TOWSE, and others. EDWARD COKE, attorney general, treasurer.

The marshals, stewards, and butlers, as elected on 3 November last, did not appear.

Order "that the gentlemen that keep private commons shall have five marks given them towards their music."

Order "that no fellow of this House shall come into the Hall with any weapons, except his dagger and his knife, upon pain of forfeiting 5*li.*"

Order that the House shall be watched as in former times and the allowance to the officers for their pains to be assessed at the next parliament; and further that Ram Alley door and the door out of the Figtree Court into the Middle Temple, shall be shut up.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 January, 38 Elizabeth, A.D. 1595-6, before JULIUS CESAR, doctor of laws, one of the masters of the Court of Requests, JOHN CROKE, recorder of London, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOLDINGE, and others.

Order that the gentlemen who kept private commons shall have their usual allowance of 4*li.*, so that the baker and brewer be paid and discharged.

Order that such watchmen as attended the House last Christmas shall have each of them 3*s.* 4*d.* by the week.

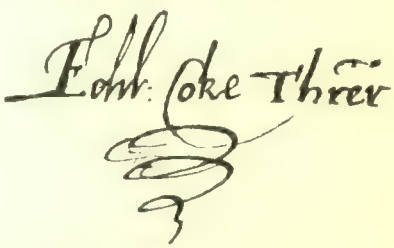
The master-cook not to be discharged from taking in the coals till he has got some one else to do it for him.

Order that the steward shall have his old bond upon putting in a new one with good and sufficient sureties.

PARLIAMENT held on 8 February, 38 Elizabeth, A.D. 1595-6, before JULIUS CESAR, LL.D., one of the masters of the Court of Requests, JOHN CROOKE, recorder of London, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAY, ROBERT GOULDING, and others.

Whereas at a parliament held in this House 26 November, 1587, it was ordered that twenty-six chambers particularly mentioned, should from thenceforth be benchers' chambers, amongst which was a chamber adjoining the upper end of the Hall, wherein Mr. Edmund Walter, late a bencher, then stood admitted, and wherein Julius Cesar, LL.D., one of the masters of Requests, judge of the High Court of Admiralty, a bencher, and late treasurer of this House, is now admitted. "And whereas also, as well at the charges of this House of 77*li.* 4*s.* 2*d.* as of the said Julius Cesar of 300*li.* or thereabouts, the said chamber being very old, ruinous, and decayed, hath been wholly pulled down and in place thereof, to the great beautifying of this House, enlargement of that chamber, and benefit of this House in time to come, divers fair and necessary rooms have been lately erected and builded, that is to say, upon the first floor or storey thereof, two fair large chambers with chimneys in them, one study, one room for clients to attend in, one large wood house, one house of office and a place thereto adjoining to lay things in; upon the second floor or storey thereof, on the right side of the stairs ascending thereto, one fair chamber with a chimney and a study thereto, and an inner chamber or gallery with a chimney and a house of office thereto, all which is appointed and assigned to be reserved and taken as belonging to the ancient benchers' chambers; and upon the same storey, on the left side of the said stairs ascending thereto, one chamber with a chimney therein, and a study thereto; and upon the third floor or storey thereof, two chambers with one chimney and one study, and above them one gallery with a chimney and six little void places on the sides thereof for wood, coals, and such necessaries." It is ordered that it shall be lawful for the said Julius Cesar, for his natural life, solely to have and occupy all and every the rooms aforesaid, and also he may nominate and appoint such persons, being students or his own sons, sons in law, or kinsmen, fellows of this House, to be admitted to the said chamber and the study thereto belonging on the second

floor or storey, on the left side of the said stairs, and into the said two chambers and study on the said third floor or storey, and into the said gallery over the same third floor, during his life, so that the number so admitted does not exceed at any time six persons. And that the treasurer or under-treasurer shall admit such persons, so nominated, upon their paying 20*s.* for such admission, according to the ancient order of the House, and those so admitted shall enjoy such rooms for their natural lives, except those nominated to the rooms appointed to be the ancient benchers' chambers. And this act to be construed to the greatest advantage and profit of the said Julius Cesar and such persons as shall be nominated by him, notwithstanding the act of 26 November, 1587, whereby the said chamber was made a bencher's chamber, and the admission into the same of Richard Davies, a bencher, on 19 February, 1590. Provided always that all the doors, glass, wainscot, locks, keys, bars, and other iron whatsoever, fixed to or within any of the said rooms, shall remain to and with the same chambers and rooms. And after the death of the said Julius Cesar and all such persons as he shall nominate to the rooms (not parcel of the ancient benchers' chamber) the same rooms shall by force of this act be ever after a bencher's chamber.[1]



PARLIAMENT held on 2 May, 38 Elizabeth, A.D. 1596, before JULIUS CESAR, LL.D., one of the masters of the Court of Requests, JOHN CROOKE, recorder of London, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOULDINGE, and others.

Pension is assessed at 2*s.*

Reader for the summer vacation :—Mr. Thomas Foster.

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Tredwaye and Mr. Towse.

Order that Mr. Henry Boucher and Mr. Edmond Prideeux (*sic*) shall be called to the bench.

[1] In the margin is "Cæsar's Buildings."

PARLIAMENT held on 23 May, 38 Elizabeth, A.D. 1596, before JULIUS CESAR, LL.D., one of the masters of the Court of Requests, JOHN CROOKE, recorder of London, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOULDINGE, and others. EDWARD COKE, attorney general, treasurer.

Order that Henry Williams, Thomas Crompton, Edward Gylborne, Humphrey Sallwaye, George Parkins, and Sethe Snosell shall be remitted into commons and shall attend the bench table's end, each one tendering there 40*s.* "*in pristino statu.*"

"1. It is agreed by all the judges, by the assent of the benchers of the four Inns of Court, and ordered by this parliament that hereafter none shall be admitted into Inns of Court until he may have a chamber within the House, and in the mean time to be of an Inn of Chancery.

"2. Item, it is further ordered that none be admitted to the bar but only such as be at the least seven years standing and continuance, and have kept his exercises within the House and abroad in Inns of Chancery, according to the orders of the House.

"3. Also that there be in one year but only four utter barristers called in any Inn of Court, that is to say, two in Easter term and two in Michaelmas term, where, by the order of the House, the benchers call utter barristers; and where the reader, by order of the House, do call, then only two by the summer reader in his reading and two by the Lent reader in his reading.

"4. Also that such students be called that be fittest for their learning, of honest conversation and well given.

"5. Also that the readers hereafter be chosen for their learning, for their duly keeping of exercises of their House, for their honest behaviour and good disposition, and such that for their experience and practise be able to serve the common wealth.

"6. And that every reader continue his reading three weeks and to read at least thrice every week, and oftener in such Houses as hath been used to read oftener, upon pain to be taken as no reader and to be removed from the bench, except only in case where they shall not be able to perform it by reason of sickness.

"7. Also that the reader call few to his table, and they to be of

ancients that attend his reading, and only on the Sundays, strangers, and of them but few, and that excess of diet be not used.

"8. That no reader exceed the number of eight serving men in his reading to attend him or under that number at his own pleasure.

"9. Also that every reader be assisted by such benchers, utter barristers, and vacationers, during the time of his reading, as ought by the orders of the House to attend him, upon such penalties and forfeitures truly to be imposed and levied, as by the orders of that House are or shall be limited and appointed, upon further pain that in case the reader be not sufficiently assisted and accompanied throughout his reading, that then such by whose default the defect groweth, shall be removed both from the bench and bar.

"10. That double reading be strictly observed in every House according to the ancient orders of every of them.

"11. Also that no benchers be called but such as be fittest both for their learning, practice, and good and honest conversation, and that they call not to the bench too often, but very sparingly in respect of the great multitude that be already."

PARLIAMENT held on 13 June, 38 Elizabeth, A.D. 1596, before JULIUS CESAR, LL.D., one of the masters of the Court of Requests, JOHN CROOKE, recorder of London, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOULDINGE, and others.

Order that Francis Smith be remitted.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—John Molforde and Stephen Pynde.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 June, 38 Elizabeth, A.D. 1596, before JULIUS CESAR, LL.D., one of the masters of the Court of Requests, JOHN CROKE, recorder of London, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOULDINGE, and others.

Special admission of Michael Grene, son and heir apparent of William Grene of Great Milton, in the county of Oxford, gratis, at the request of Mr. John Croke, a bencher, in regard of his first reading.

Whereas Mr. Massingberd was pledge for Robert Rosseter and Edward Rosseter, it is ordered that at his request he shall be discharged therefrom, upon paying all such duties as are due by them.

Order that Robert Wiseman shall be remitted into commons.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 38 Elizabeth, A.D. 1596, before JULIUS CESAR, LL.D., one of the masters of the Court of Requests, JOHN CROOKE, recorder of London, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOULDINGE, and others.

Pension assessed at *2s.*

Reader for next Lent vacation :—Mr. Tredwaye.

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Waterhowse and Mr. Towse.

Auditors for the treasurer's accounts :—Mr. Huse, Mr. Towse, Mr. Moulforde, and Mr. Stumpe.

Auditors for the steward's accounts :—Mr. Doleman, Mr. Ratclife, Mr. Marshe, and Mr. Lawton.

Edward Coke, esquire, Her Majesty's attorney general, is again elected treasurer for this year next ensuing.

Officers for the grand Christmas :—

Marshals :—Sir Henry Cocke, Sir Thomas Lucas, and Sir Thomas Barnadiston, knights.

Stewards :—Mr. Crompton, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Bisshope.

Butlers :—Mr. John Ive, Mr. Drew, and Mr. Sebright.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 November, 39 Elizabeth, A.D. 1596, before JULIUS CESAR, LL.D., one of the masters of the Court of Requests, JOHN CROKE, recorder of London, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOLDYNGE, and others.

Stewards for the reader's dinner :—Mr. George Croke and Mr. Moundforde.

Mr. Gawen Glasse remitted into commons.

The controversy between Mr. John Owen and Mr. Thomas Williams concerning their chamber, is referred to Mr. Hugh Hare and Mr. John Hare.

Mr. John Badger discharged from being pledge any longer for his brother, Mr. Thomas Badger, he having already paid the duties of the said Thomas. And the said Thomas shall put in new pledges before he shall be received into commons again.

PARLIAMENT held on the vigil of St. Thomas the Apostle, 20 December, 39 Elizabeth, A.D. 1596, before JOHN CROKE, recorder of London, NICHOLAS HARE, THOMAS WROTHE, THOMAS FOSTER, JOHN HARE, WILLIAM TOWSE, and others. EDWARD COKE, attorney general, treasurer.

The officers for the grand Christmas, as elected on 3 November last, were called and did not appear.

Mr. John Reynolds, Mr. Adam Scamler, Mr. Pagrave, Mr. Adams, and Mr. John Parker are remitted into commons.

Order that the gentlemen who kept commons this Christmas shall be allowed 10*li.* towards their charges.

Order that the officers that keep watch shall be allowed as formerly, and that Ram Alley Gate and the door in the Figtree Court and the Water Gate be wholly shut up, and the Temple Gate to be shut at convenient times.

Order that Mr. Staynes shall have warning to leave the chamber wherein he now lies.

PARLIAMENT held on 30 January, 39 Elizabeth, A.D. 1596-7, before SIR JULIUS CESAR, LL.D., one of the masters of the Court of Requests, JOHN CROKE, recorder of the City of London, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAY, ROBERT GOLDYNGE, and others. EDWARD COKE, attorney of the Queen, treasurer.

The stewards, as appointed at a parliament held on 3 November last, are amerced 10*li.* each for not exercising that office.

The marshals and butlers, as appointed at the same parliament, are amerced 5*li.* each for not exercising those offices.

Board wages as formerly granted to the officers who had no allowance from the gentlemen who kept commons at Christmas last.

Mr. Bourghchier and Mr. Hancocke are licensed to build a wood-house between the end of their buildings and the gardener's house.

PARLIAMENT held on 6 February, 39 Elizabeth, A.D. 1596-7, before JOHN CROKE, recorder of London, NICHOLAS HARE, ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOLDYNGE, and others.

Nothing was enacted.

PARLIAMENT held on 17 April, 39 Elizabeth, A.D. 1597, before JOHN CROKE, recorder of London, ANDREW GRAY, ROBERT GOLDINGE, JOHN DOLMAN, and others.

Pensions assessed at *2s.*

Reader for next summer reading :—Mr. Towse.

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Waterhouse and Mr. Bowchier.

Order that Mr. Tredway, Mr. Hugh Hare, Mr. Towse and Mr. Prideauxe shall see how Mr. Paul Salmon's petition concerning the enlarging of his chamber, may be granted.

Mr. John Gomersall's petition against the gentlemen of Clement's Inn for certain wrongs which he says have been offered by some of them, is referred to be heard at the table's end.

PARLIAMENT held on 8 May, 39 Elizabeth, A.D. 1597, before JOHN CROKE, recorder of London, ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOLDYNGE, JOHN DOLMAN, RICHARD TREDWAY, and others.

Whereas Paul Salmon,[1] gent., with other fellows of this House stands admitted to certain buildings in Mr. Hare's Court, parcel of the buildings lately belonging to Mr. Smalpage, gent., deceased, and the said Paul has made suit for licence to build a range from the east side of the staircase of his lodgings to Mr. Tottell's house, and to build backwards into the vacant place there some four feet westward,

[1] Marginal note :—"This admittance is warranted by Act of Parliament made 12 May, 25 Elizabeth."

and to have the residue of the said vacant place for the use of his said lodgings and such rooms as he shall newly build, and also that the said vacant place may be annexed to his lodgings. Which petition having been referred to Mr. Tredwaye, Mr. Hugh Hare, Mr. Towse, and Mr. Prydeaux, benchers, who having certified the petition to be very reasonable, it is ordered that the petition be granted and the said Paul Salmon may build accordingly.

Special admission of Mr. Thomas Morgan, at the request of Mr. Richard Tredwey, a bencher.

PARLIAMENT held on 29 May, 39 Elizabeth, A.D. 1597, before JOHN CROKE, recorder of London, ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOLDYNGE, JOHN DOLMAN, RICHARD TREDWEY, and others.

Special admission of Mr. Stacye, gratis, at the request of Mr. Thomas Foster, a bencher, in respect of his reading in summer last.

Stewards for the reader's dinner for the summer reading:—Mr. T. Lawton and Mr. Roger Dale.

Mr. William Playne, John James, John Brentt, John Sotherton, Thomas Ryddell, and Humphrey Weare, called to the bar and to take their places as utter barristers.

PARLIAMENT held on 12 June, 39 Elizabeth, A.D. 1597, before JOHN CROKE, recorder of London, ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOLDYNGE, JOHN DOLMAN, RICHARD TREDWEY, and others.

Special admission of Mr. Paul Smyth, at the request of Mr. George Wylde in respect of his first reading in summer.

Special admission of Mr. John Lucas, second son of Sir Thomas Lucas, gratis, at the request of his father.

Special admission of Mr. William Towse, eldest son and heir apparent of Mr. William Towse, gratis, at the request of his father.

Order that Mr. Thomas Davies, Mr. William Carewe, and Mr. John Newman shall be called to the bar and shall take their ancienties.

PARLIAMENT held on 16 October, 39 Elizabeth, A.D. 1597, before JOHN CROKE, recorder of London, ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOLDYNGE, JOHN DOLMAN, and others.

Order that the clerk of the church, the under-cook, the panier-man, and two turnbroaches shall have the accustomed allowance for watching this House at last summer vacation.

Mr. George Pottes remitted into commons.

Order that as many of the utter barristers as are bound to exercise and keep their vacations and have kept none shall be suspended and a *ne recipiatur*[1] be entered upon them.

Order that Mr. Paul Salmon shall be an associate to the bar and shall take his place next to the puisnes of the bar for the time being.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 39 Elizabeth, A.D. 1597, before JOHN CROKE, recorder of London, ANDREW GRAY, ROBERT GOLDYNGE, JOHN DOLMAN, RICHARD TREDWEY, and others. EDWARD COKE, attorney of the Queen, treasurer.

Pensions assessed at *2s.*

Reader for next grand vacation in Lent:—Mr. Henry Bourghchier.

Mr. Robert Waterhouse is spared till the next Lent after, upon his promise to read then.

Attendants upon the reader next Lent vacation:—Mr. Waterhouse and Mr. Prideauxe.

Treasurer:—John Croke, recorder of London.

Auditors for the treasurer's account:—Mr. Goldynge, Mr. Foster, Mr. Scott, and Mr. G. Croke.

Auditors for the steward's account:—Mr. Tredwey, Mr. John Hare, Mr. Bromley, and Mr. Dyott.

Officers for the grand Christmas:—

Marshals:—Sir Henry Cocke, Sir Thomas Lucas, and Sir Thomas Barnardiston, knights.

Stewards:—Mr. Crompton, Mr. W. Wright, and Mr. Busshope.

[1] See note on p. 337.

Butlers :—Mr. John Ive, Mr. W. Drewe, and Mr. Sebright.

General admission of Christopher Hyllyard, a younger son of William Hyllyard, a bencher, gratis.

Mr. Thomas Oteley and Mr. George Croke called to the bench and to take their places as they come.

Order that the utter barristers nominated last term to be referred to the board's end.

Special admission of Mr. James Pytt, gratis, at the request of Mr. William Pytt, his father, because his said father bestowed the fees which he should have had for the pension writ, freely upon the House.

"Also it was signified at this parliament by Mr. Attorney General, being treasurer, that Nicholas Hare, esquire, late a bencher of this society, gave by his last will and testament a legacy thereunto according to these very words, out of the will, 'Item, I will that there be three salt cellars, silver and gilt, with a trencher salt cellar made like to my best saltcellars, which saltcellars, so newly to be made, I will shall be delivered to the treasurer of the Inner Temple for the time being to be used at the bench table in that House as a remembrance of my good will to that worshipful company.' Which legacy is now received accordingly."

PARLIAMENT held on 8 November, 39 Elizabeth, A.D. 1597, before EDWARD COKE, esquire, attorney general, ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOLDYNG, and others.

Whereas Mr. Thomas Oteley was called at the last parliament to the bench, he is now upon his humble petition discharged upon paying only for his fine 10*li.*

Mr. Thomas Laughton called to the bench.

Mr. Tredwey and Mr. John Hare are appointed to see the annoyance of the spring head and the water-course beyond Wells the scrivener's house, in his garden or backside.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 November, 40 Elizabeth, A.D. 1597, before EDWARD COKE, attorney general, JOHN BULLOCKE, ROBERT GOLDYNGE, JOHN DOLMAN, RICHARD TREDWEY, and others.

Stewards for the reader's dinner for Lent next:—Mr. R. Clarke and Mr. O. Godfrey.

Special admission of Henry Beamount, esquire, son and heir apparent of Mr. Justice Beamount, gratis, at the request of his father.

Order that Mr. Richard Lawly and Mr. John Cowper shall be remitted into commons, without paying their fine.

Order that Mr. Nicholas Jorden and Mr. Thomas Adams shall be called to the bar and take their places as utter barristers.

Order that Mr. David Waterhouse shall be ancient of the bar; and Mr. Ralph Hare shall be called to the bar and have the second place as an utter barrister.

Order that a bill or petition shall be framed to the lord keeper "touching the annoyance to the conduit" in the garden lately belonging to Wells, the scrivener.

PARLIAMENT held on the vigil of St. Thomas the Apostle, 20 December, 40 Elizabeth, A.D. 1597, before EDWARD COKE, attorney general, RICHARD BROWNELOWE, WILLIAM TOWSE, GEORGE CROKE, and others. JOHN CROKE, recorder of London, treasurer.

Officers for the grand Christmas:—The marshals, stewards, and butlers, as appointed on 3 November last, were called and did not appear.

Order that the gentlemen who keep commons this Christmas shall be allowed 12*li.* towards their charges.

PARLIAMENT held on 29 January, 40 Elizabeth, A.D. 1597-8, before EDWARD COKE, attorney general, ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOLDYNGE, JOHN DOLMAN, and others.

The marshals, as appointed on 3 November last, amerced 10*li.* each for not exercising their office.

The stewards and butlers, as appointed on 3 November last, amerced 5*li.* each for not exercising their offices.

Order that Mr. Oliver Godfrey at his humble suit shall be discharged from the charges of the reader's dinner next Lent, upon paying the same fine as Mr. Parker paid. And Mr. Thomas Draner is chosen steward of the reader's dinner in his place.

PARLIAMENT held on 12 February, 40 Elizabeth, A.D. 1597-8, before EDWARD COKE, attorney general, ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOLDYNGE, JOHN DOLMAN, and others.

Nothing was enacted.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 May, 40 Elizabeth, A.D. 1598, before EDWARD COKE, attorney general, ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOLDYNGE, JOHN DOLMAN, RICHARD TREDWEY, and others.

Pension assessed at 2*s.*

Reader for the summer vacation :—Mr. Edward Prydeauxe.

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Richard Davies and Mr. George Croke.

Order that Mr. Sebright, Mr. Anthony Apsley, and Mr. Edward Lloyde shall be called to the outer bar and be utter barristers, and Mr. Sebright shall have ancienty of the bar next to the clerks of the crown, namely, Mr. Waterhouse and Mr. Ralph Hare.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 May, 40 Elizabeth, A.D. 1598, before EDWARD COKE, attorney general, JOHN BULLOCKE, ROBERT GOLDYNGE, JOHN DOLMAN, RICHARD TREDWEY, and others.

Special admission of Mr. Thomas Lyttelton, gratis, at the instance of Henry Bourghchier, esquire, in regard to his reading in Lent last.

Mr. Newman, an utter barrister, discharged from paying his fine for not serving his last Lent vacation because he was sick, provided he keep another vacation.

Order "that whosoever shall be personally absent two whole years or more in time of vacation, that such absence shall be defalked[1] from his continuance in his preferment to the bar. This order to be read at every call to the bar."

PARLIAMENT held on 18 June, 40 Elizabeth, A.D. 1598, before EDWARD COKE, attorney general, JOHN BULLOCK, ROBERT GOLDING, JOHN DOLMAN, RICHARD TREDWAY, and others. JOHN CROKE, recorder of the City of London, treasurer.

Order that Mr. David Waterhowse and Mr. Ralph Hare shall be stewards for the reader's dinner this summer vacation.

Mr. Thomas Wroth, Mr. Thomas Foster, Mr. William Towse, and Mr. George Croke are appointed to consider of the arrears the House doth run into for commons and a means for the reformation of it.

"Whereas by the ancient orders of this society, none ought to be generally admitted hereof unless he pay 5*li.* for his such admittance, except such as bring a certificate from one of the Houses of Chancery belonging to this said society testifying that he hath been of the House of Chancery from the which he shall bring his certificate, the full space of two years, and during that time hath kept the exercises of learning and other orders belonging to the said House of Chancery, and then such are to be admitted generally paying 20*s.* only. It is ordered, upon information at this last parliament that many have of late come into this society by colour of false certificates, to the great abuse and deceit of the House and defrauding of the same of the just duties belonging unto it, upon every general admittance that publication be openly made that all that have been admitted by colour of such false certificates within the space of these two years last past, do everyone bring forthwith unto Mr. Treasurer the residue of the money due for their admittance, and such as shall not so do, their admittance to be void and they to stand as unadmitted."

[1] Deducted.

PARLIAMENT held on 2 July, 40 Elizabeth, A.D. 1598, before ROBERT GOLDYNGE, JOHN DOLMAN, RICHARD TREDWEY, and others.

Order that the commons shall be made even weekly till further order.

PARLIAMENT held on 15 October, 40 Elizabeth, A.D. 1598, before EDWARD COKE, attorney general, ROBERT GOLDINGE, RICHARD TREDWEY, and others. JOHN CROKE, recorder of London, treasurer.

Mr. David Waterhouse remitted into commons, paying his fine of 40*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 40 Elizabeth, A.D. 1598, before EDWARD COKE, attorney general, JOHN BULLOCKE, ROBERT GOLDYNGE, JOHN DOLMAN, RICHARD TREDWEY, and others.

Pensions assessed at 2*s.*

Reader for Lent vacation :—Mr. Richard Davies.

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Ratclyffe and Mr. George Croke.

Order [1] that Mr. Recorder, Mr. Wrothe, Mr. Foster, and Mr. George Croke shall confer with Mr. Bulmer concerning the water-course.

Auditors for the treasurer's accounts :—Mr. H. Hare, Mr. Prydeaux, Mr. Bromley, and Mr. Barker.

Auditors for the steward's accounts :—Mr. Wrothe, Mr. Foster, Mr. Harrys, and Mr. Hancocke.

Officers for the Grand Christmas :—

Marshals :—Sir Henry Cocke, Sir Thomas Lucas, and Sir Thomas Barnardiston.

Stewards :—Mr. Crompton, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Busshope.

Butlers :—Mr. Ive, Mr. Sebright, and Mr. Drewe.

[1] In the margin is "Waterworks."

Mr. Duporte remitted into commons, paying his fine of 40*s.*

Special admission of Mr. Edward Waterhouse, gratis, because his father was a bencher.

General admission of Mr. Nicholas Purefey, gratis, at the request of Mr. Michael Purefey, his father, an ancient utter barrister.

Order that Mr. Augustine Pagrave, Mr. George Parkyns, Mr. John Haywarde, Mr. John Noell, Mr. Thomas Aynscombe, Mr. Christopher Mericke, Mr. Lancelot Lowther, Mr. Thomas Atye, Mr. Robert Drake, and Mr. Reginald Edwardes be called to the outer bar.

Treasurer :—Mr. Dolman.

PARLIAMENT held on 26 November, 41 Elizabeth, A.D. 1598, before EDWARD COKE, attorney general, JOHN CROKE, recorder of the City of London, ROBERT GOLDYNGE, RICHARD TREDWEYE, and others.

Stewards for the reader's dinner for Lent vacation :—Mr. Trafforde and Mr. Rugeley.

Licence to the steward to be absent, "and to take the fresh air for the better recovery of his health," until the end of Easter term, and Mr. Richard Wright to be his deputy. And his sureties to continue, and he to return sooner if he have his health.

Order with the assent of Mr. Edward Hancocke, at the petition of Mrs. Anne Bourghchier, widow of Mr. Henry Bourghchier, late a bencher, that the said Mr. Hancocke shall pay to Mrs. Anne Bourghchier the sum of 80*li.* in consideration of the charge bestowed by the said Henry upon his chambers and for other considerations. And the said Edward promises to leave the buildings after his decease to the use of the House.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 January, 41 Elizabeth, A.D. 1598-9, before EDWARD COKE, attorney general, JOHN CROKE, recorder of London, ROBERT GOLDINGE, RICHARD TREDWEY, and others. JOHN DOLMAN, treasurer.

Order that Richard Wright, the steward's man, shall be his master's deputy till the first parliament in Easter term, and shall put in sureties to discharge the House.

Mr. Farrer being out of commons for not having paid his

commons, is re-admitted to the same on paying his fine at the table's end to-morrow at dinner.

Allowance of 4*li.* to the gentlemen who kept private commons at Christmas last.

Allowance of 3*s.* 4*d.* a week, each, to the panierman, the under cook, and the two turnbroaches for watching the House at Christmas.

PARLIAMENT held on 11 February, 41 Elizabeth, A.D. 1598-9, before EDWARD COKE, attorney general, JOHN CROOKE, recorder of London, ROBERT GOLDINGE, RICHARD TREDWAY, and others.

Order that Mr. Preistley shall be discharged from being pledge for Mr. Thomas Wheeler upon paying the said Mr. Wheeler's debts. And the said Mr. Wheeler shall not be received into commons till he has put in new pledges.

Order that Mr. Francis Mingay shall be remitted into commons upon paying his fine of 40*s.*

Order that Mr. Davyes shall enjoy the chamber where Mr. Mershe was admitted according to his admittance thereunto, and that Mr. Julius Ceasar, one of the masters of the Requests, shall enjoy the new buildings adjoining to the north part of the Hall, according to the act of parliament made in 38 Elizabeth.

Order, upon the petition of Mr. Dale and Mr. Brocke, that whereas they two are chamber fellows and have very little room, and the chamber adjoining, which was Mr. Stumpe's and Mr. Cam's, being but a chamber fit for one man, they pray that they two, or the survivor of them, may retain the two chambers, compounding with those that have interest therein.

PARLIAMENT held on 29 April, 41 Elizabeth, A.D. 1599, before JOHN CROKE, recorder of London, JOHN BULLOCKE, ROBERT GOLDINGE, RICHARD TREDWAY, and others. JOHN DOLMAN, treasurer.

Order that the pension be assessed at 2*s.*

Reader for next grand vacation in summer:—Mr. George Croke.

Attendants on the reader:—Mr. Ratclyffe and Mr. Lawton.

Order for Mr. Michael Greene to be remitted into commons upon paying his fine of 40*s.*

Order that Mr. Hugh Hare, Mr. Foster, Mr. Towse, and Mr. Prydeaux, or any three of them, shall examine the abuses of the cooks and certify the bench thereof, and they may call any two of the bar to them.

PARLIAMENT held on 20 May, 41 Elizabeth, A.D. 1599, before EDWARD COKE, attorney of the Queen, JOHN CROKE, recorder of London, ROBERT GOLDINGE, RICHARD TREDWEYE, and others.

"Touching the benevolence it is referred unto the next parliament."

Mr. Nicholas Rowe remitted into commons.

Order that the remitting of John Farewell to be further considered.

Mr. Ellys to be remitted into commons upon paying his fine.

Order that Richard Greene, the under cook, and Thomas Hudson, one of the turnbroaches, shall both be expelled the House, and Ambrose Jasper, the master cook, is sequestered until next term.

Order that a note shall be given to the bench of the names of the utter barristers who are fittest to be called to the bench on the first Saturday next term at dinner, "or else the buttery book to consider of such as shall be fittest to be called."

PARLIAMENT held on 10 June, 41 Elizabeth, A.D. 1599 before EDWARD COKE, attorney of the Queen, JOHN CROKE, recorder of London, ROBERT GOLDINGE, RICHARD TREDWEY, and others.

Order for the petition of John Farewell, the younger, to be further considered.

Order that Ambrose Jasper, late master cook, be admitted to exercise the said office till the first parliament next term, so that in the mean time he be of good behaviour.

Mr. Roger Dale and Mr. Anthony Dyott are now called to the bench, and are to take their places accordingly.

PARLIAMENT held on 24 June, 41 Elizabeth, A.D. 1599, before EDWARD COKE, attorney of the Queen, JOHN CROKE, recorder of London, ROBERT GOLDINGE, RICHARD TREDWEY, and others.

Order that Mr. John Owen's admittance to the chamber, wherein Mr. Reginald Williams and others stand admitted, is confirmed, and the said Mr. Owen shall give place to Mr. Williams and others, his ancients in the chamber, but shall have place before Mr. Corbett, or any other admitted after the said Mr. Corbett.

Order that Mr. Tresham shall be first discharged from his imprisonment before any allowance of his petition shall be granted.

Order that Mr. Farrar shall be remitted into commons upon paying his fine of 40*s*.

Touching the allowance for the master cook's fees, no order is taken.

PARLIAMENT held on 14 October, 41 Elizabeth, A.D. 1599, before JOHN CROKE, recorder of London, ROBERT GOLDINGE, RICHARD TREDWAY, JOHN BULLOCKE, and others.

Special admission of Mr. Thomas Purslowe, of Sutbury in the county of Salop, gratis, at the request of George Croke, esquire, in respect of his reading last summer.

Order that the panierman, the two turnbroaches, and Owen be allowed the usual allowance for watching the House seven weeks.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 41 Elizabeth, A.D. 1599, before EDWARD COKE, attorney general, JOHN CROKE, recorder of London, JOHN BULLOCKE, ROBERT GOLDINGE, RICHARD TREDWEY, and others.

Pensions assessed at 2*s*.

Reader for next grand vacation in Lent:—Mr. Ratclyffe.

Attendants on the reader:—Mr. Wrothe and Mr. Lawton.

Auditors for the treasurer's account:—Mr. Coventree, Mr. Lawton, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Draner.

Auditors for the steward's account:—Mr. Towse, Mr. Dale, Mr. Gwynne, and Mr. Ellis Hele.

Officers for the grand Christmas:—

Marshals:—Sir Henry Cocke, Sir Thomas Lucas, and Sir Thomas Barnardiston, knights.

Stewards:—Mr. Crompton, Mr. Wrighte, and Mr. Bysshopp.

Butlers:—Mr. Ive, Mr. Sebrighte, and Mr. Drewe.

Order that Mr. Blount of the bar, reader of Clyfforde's Inn, being put out of commons *per mandatum* for his absence from the revels on All Hallow's day last, desires to be heard in excuse at the table's end, and if his allegations are allowed, then he may be restored into commons. And it is likewise ordered for all the rest that were put *extra per mandatum*.

Treasurer:—Mr. Richard Tredwey.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 November, 42 Elizabeth, A.D. 1599, before EDWARD COKE, attorney general, JOHN CROKE, recorder of London, JOHN BULLOCKE, JOHN DOLMAN, ROBERT GOLDINGE, and others.

The request of Mr. Francis Hele, son of Serjeant Hele, to be admitted to an upper chamber, wherein his father did lie, after being referred to the bench table was refused, because the said chamber was a bencher's chamber.

Mr. Boldro discharged from being one of Mr. Tyllet's pledges upon paying Mr. Tyllet's duties to the House. And the said Mr. Tyllet not to be admitted into commons till he has put in new pledges.

Mr. Massyngberd in like manner discharged from being one of Mr. FitzWilliam's pledges.

Special admission of William Anderson, gratis, at the request of Lord Anderson, chief justice of the Common Pleas, his father.

Order that the wages of Mary Mason for washing the linen of the House be increased to 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Whereas divers utter barristers have been very negligent as well in the performance of their exercises of learning as in payment of their duties, it is ordered that Mr. Treasurer, Mr. Hugh Hare, Mr.

William Towse, and Mr. George Croke shall inquire and certify the bench whether the utter barristers called within five years have performed the exercises they are bound to do, and also what sums of money are due by them to the House.

Mr. Lancelot Lowther remitted into commons upon paying his fine of 5 marks, and he is to serve another vacation in the place of the last.

"The consideration of my lord of Canterbury's letters concerning the increase of Mr. Doctor Balkey's allowance is referred to next parliament."

PARLIAMENT held on 27 January, 42 Elizabeth, A.D. 1599-1600, before JOHN CROKE, recorder of London, ROBERT GOLDINGE, JOHN DOLMAN, and others.

"Edward Coke, esquire, attorney general to her Majesty, at this parliament desired to have a special admittance for Edward Coke, his son and heir apparent, into this House, which was granted, gratis."

"Also at this parliament Mr. Walter Aston at the like request of the said Mr. Edward Coke, attorney general, being his ward, was likewise specially admitted into this House, gratis."

Mr. Robert Specot discharged from being pledge for Mr. Wakeham, upon payment of 5*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.* owing to the House by the said Wakeham. And the said Wakeham shall not be in commons again till he has put in new pledges.

Order that the gentlemen that kept private commons last Christmas shall be allowed 4*li.*

Order that the gentlemen who shall hereafter keep private commons within the House at Christmas "shall not break open any chamber doors within this House in the night, in the time of Christmas, wherein no person doth then lie, neither shall take in the night, coming to any chamber in this House wherein any person shall then lie, of any person, above 2*s.* 6*d.*"

The panierman, under cook, and two turnbroaches shall be allowed 3*s.* 4*d.* a week for watching the House at Christmas last.

Allowance of 3*s.* 4*d.* each to the officers who were out of com-

mons last Christmas, for board wages during the keeping of private commons.

Stewards for the reader's dinner for Lent next:—Mr. John Ferne and Mr. John Hatche.

Special admission of Mr. Edmond Hampden, in respect of Mr. Prydeux's late reading.

PARLIAMENT held 10 February, 42 Elizabeth, A.D. 1599-1600, before JOHN CROKE, recorder of London, ROBERT GOLDINGE, JOHN DOLMAN, HUGH HARE, and others. RICHARD TREDWAY, treasurer.

Special admission of Mr. Edward Goodwyn, in respect of Mr. Ratclyfe's double reading.

Order that —— Forde, son and heir of —— Forde, sometime a bencher, shall be discharged of his duties which he oweth, and shall enjoy all privileges which any fellow of this House ought to enjoy by reason of any special admittance.

The suit of Mr. Tresham for his coming into the House again, is referred to the next parliament.

At the suit of Mr. Blyco, he is discharged from being pledge for Mr. Pargytour, upon paying all dues to the House owing by the said Mr. Pargytour, and the said Mr. Pargytor shall not come into commons again before he put in new pledges.

Mr. Thomas Coventree, the younger, discharged in like manner from being pledge for Mr. Rede.

Mr. Pembridge and Mr. Baydgente in like manner discharged from being pledge for Charles Morgan.

Order that "no fellow of this House shall be hereafter called to the outer bar in this House, except he shall keep six vacations before he shall be called, and shall, during all the six vacations, use the exercises of learning to be performed within this House and in the said Houses of Chancery, and there shall sit at four several grand moots in every vacation within the space of the said three years, and except he shall receive the communion in the Temple church twice in every year of the said three years. And it is further ordered that two of the ancient butlers of this House shall make a note of every fellow of this House that shall sit at the said grand moots in every of the said six vacations when they shall come from the said grand moots, and at

the next term following they shall certify the treasurer of this House in writing of the names of such persons as have been at every of the said grand moots, and thereupon the matter to be examined, and if the said officers shall make any untrue certificate they shall forfeit their places. This order shall be read so often as any shall be called to the bar."

PARLIAMENT held on 13 April, 42 Elizabeth, A.D. 1600, before EDWARD COKE, attorney general, JOHN CROKE, recorder of the City of London, ROBERT GOLDINGE, JOHN DOLMAN, HUGH HARE, and others. RICHARD TREDWEY, treasurer.

Pensions assessed at 2*s*.

Reader for next summer vacation:—Mr. Lawton.

Attendants on the reader:—Mr. H. Hare in the place of Mr. Wrothe, and Mr. Dale.

Order that Mr. John Farewell, the younger, "being put out of commons for his long hair" shall be remitted into commons again upon coming to the table's end and paying a fine of 40*s*.

Order that Mr. Perryn, who was put out of commons by Mr. Hugh Hare last Lent vacation, concerning a controversy between Mr. Brydgman, Mr. Coventree, the younger, and the said Mr. Perryn, at Staple Inn in Holborne, shall be remitted into commons upon coming to the table's end and paying a fine of 40*s*.

PARLIAMENT held on 4 May, 42 Elizabeth, A.D. 1600, before EDWARD COKE, attorney general, JOHN CROKE, recorder of the City of London, JOHN DOLMAN, RALPH RATCLYFFE, HUGH HARE, and others.

Special admission of Mr. George Gawdye at the desire of Edward Coke, esquire, attorney general. His fine to be referred to the treasurer.

John Reynolds, one of the utter barristers of this House, discharged from being pledge for Mr. Hone, Mr. Myldmaye, and Mr. Deresley, upon paying their debts due to the House. And they shall put in new pledges before they shall be received into commons.

Order that the petition of Mr. Atkinson and Mr. Hynde concerning a great annoyance made by one Gybbes, a cook, in Ram Alley, in erecting a pair of stairs upon the Temple ground and doing other inconveniences, shall be referred to the table's end.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 May, 42 Elizabeth, A.D. 1600, before EDWARD COKE, attorney general, JOHN CROKE, recorder of the City of London, and others.

Stewards for the reader's dinner this next summer vacation :— N. Kynnersley and John Throgmorton.

"Whereas the negligence of the utter barristers is greater now than hath been heretofore within any memory of man, by reason whereof the learning of this House is very like hereafter to decay, if some good provision be not therein speedily made, therefore it is now ordered at this parliament that every utter barrister of this House, being not full three years continuance of the bar, shall always be present at the breaking of the case, which shall be mooted the term following, and if any make default, being then in commons, he shall be put out of commons, and if any of them shall be then out of commons and absent, there shall be a *ne recipiatur* set upon his head. It is ordered likewise at this parliament that all the utter barristers of this House, being under five years' continuance of the bar, shall be likewise present at the breaking of every of the said cases or else shall be subject to such amerciament as the bench shall think meet. And further that all the utter barristers of this House being in commons or lying in the House, not being such as have been called to the bench, shall be likewise subject to such amercement as the bench shall think good, if they be absent at the breaking of any of the said cases."

PARLIAMENT held on 8 June, 42 Elizabeth, A.D. 1600, before EDWARD COKE, esquire, attorney general, JOHN CROKE, esquire, recorder of the City of London, ANDREW GRAY, ROBERT GOLDINGE, and others.

Order that the gentleman hereafter named shall be now called to the outer bar and from henceforth be utter barristers, viz. :—Mr. Peter

Blake, Mr. Thomas Lea, Mr. Thomas Derham, Mr. John Bullocke, Mr. John Harryson, Mr. Thomas Gale, Mr. John Brydgman, Mr. Thomas Best, Mr. Stoford, Mr. Thomas Poole, Mr. Edward Osborne, Mr. James Weston, Mr. Henry Williams, and Mr. Francis Myngay. And it is ordered that Mr. Peter Blake shall be puisne of this call.

Order that it be remembered that Mr. Anthony Lowe shall be the first that shall be called to the bar the next call.

Order that Mr. Thomas Lyd, now minister or reader under Mr. Doctor Balgay in the Temple Church, shall have an allowance of 50*s.* a year, to be paid quarterly out of the treasury of the House, in regard to his pains taken in reading evening prayer every working day, being not lately used before his time in divers years then past; so that the Middle Temple do make unto the said Hyde (*sic*) the like allowance; provided always that this allowance shall continue no longer than the masters of the bench of the said Inner Temple, for their parts, shall have good liking thereof.

Order that Mr. Brent and Mr. Humphey Wear, being out of commons, shall be received back again and shall come to the table's end and tender their fines.

PARLIAMENT held on 9 October, 42 Elizabeth, A.D. 1600, before JOHN CROKE, recorder of the City of London, ANDREW GRAVE, RALPH RATCLIFFE, HUGH HARE, THOMAS COVENTRE, and others. RICHARD TREDWEY, treasurer.

Allowance of 2*s.* 6*d.* each, weekly, made to John Gorgge, the under cook, Roger Bothbie, the panierman, Henry Branche and John Valley, the two turnbroaches, and Owen, the keeper of Mr. Hare's court, for eight weeks' watching the House and chambers last summer vacation.

Order that a letter be directed to Mr. John Throgmorton, who was chosen one of the stewards for the reader's dinner last summer vacation, and that he make not default in paying the charge thereof at his peril.

Order that a like letter be directed to the pledges of Mr. John Aston for the like default.

Mr. Brydgman and Mr. James Weston, discharged from being

pledges for Mr. Dauncer, upon paying his debts due to the House. And the said Dauncer shall not be received back into commons till he has put in new pledges.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 42 Elizabeth, A.D. 1600, before JOHN CROKE, recorder of the City of London, ANDREW GRAY, JOHN BULLOCKE, ROBERT GOLDYNGE, and others. RICHARD TREDWAY, treasurer.

Pensions assessed at *2s.*

Reader for next grand vacation in Lent:—Mr. Wrothe.

Attendants upon the same reader:—Mr. Hugh Hare and Mr. Dale.

Auditors for the treasurer's accounts:—Mr. Ratclyffe, Mr. Towse, Mr. Barker and Mr. Bromley.

Auditors for the steward's accounts:—Mr. John Hare, Mr. Laughton, Mr. Harryes, and Mr. Paul Croke.

Marshals for the grand Christmas:—Sir Henry Cocke, Sir Thomas Lucas, and Sir Thomas Barnardiston.

Stewards for the grand Christmas:—Mr. Crompton, Mr. Wrighte, and Mr. Bishopp.

Butlers for the grand Christmas:—Mr. Pitt and Mr. Warnford.

The controversy between George Lowe and John Gorgge for the master cookship is referred to Mr. Attorney and Mr. Recorder.

Special admission of John Mayer, late one of the butlers, gratis, in regard to his services to the House.

Special admission of Mr. Francis Beaumont, third son of Justice Beaumont, late one of the benchers of this House, gratis.

Mr. Thomas Davyes being put *extra per mandatum* in Trinity term last, is re-admitted, tendering his fine at the table's end.

Order "that the placing of the chief cook doth appertain by the ancient orders of this House unto the treasurer," and it is referred to Mr. Attorney General and Mr. John Crooke to examine what sums of money Ambrose Jasper has received of George Lowe for leaving his office of chief cook, and to make such allowance to the under cook and turnbroaches in the kitchen out of the said sum, as they shall think meet.

"Whereas Mr. Rowland Hinde and Mr. William Atkynson have complained that one Gibbes, dwelling in Ram Alley, late removed the posts which stood in the Temple ground, whereupon a door was wont to hang, and also built a staircase upon the ground of the Temple adjoining to the chamber of the said Mr. Hynde and Mr. Atkynson, and made a window to receive his beer and wood also in the ground of the Temple, and made two doors out of his kitchen opening into the Temple ground, and made forms for such as resort to his house upon the Temple ground to sit tippling and drinking, to the great annoy of the students and gentlemen of this House, being near unto the said house of the said Gibbes, it is at this parliament ordered that the said nuisance shall be abated, and the door and posts placed as they were before or else Ram Alley door to be shut up. And further it is ordered that Mr. Richard Tredwaye, Mr. Hugh Hare, and Mr. Thomas Coventree are likewise to view such annoyances as are committed by Mr. Rowland Hinde and Mr. Atkinson with the buildings to the said Gibbes, and to certify the same, and thereupon such order shall be taken as is convenient."

Treasurer :—Mr. Richard Davies.

PARLIAMENT held on 23 November, 43 Elizabeth, A.D. 1600, before EDWARD COKE, esquire, attorney general, JOHN CROKE, recorder of the City of London, ANDREW GRAYE, JOHN BULLOCKE, ROBERT GOLDINGE, and others. RICHARD DAVEYS, treasurer.

Order that Mr. Conquest being put *extra per mandatum* shall be remitted into commons upon tendering his fine of 40*s.* at the table's end.

Order "that Richard Tredwaye, esquire, late treasurer of this House, as well for and in regard of his great care and pains had and taken in the time of his office in gathering up and getting in the duties of and to this House and fellowship belonging, as also in respect of his own former service and charge done and afforded unto this House, being a double reader of the same, shall be allowed the whole charges by him bestowed in and upon the new building, repairing, mending and trimming up of the old chambers and rooms thereof" wherein he now stands admitted, being of late in great decay, situate

upon the west side of the Temple Lane, leading from the Temple Church and Cloisters into Fleet Street. Which chambers being formerly benchers' chambers shall continue to be so, and whatsoever wainscot is therein, shall remain with the said chamber. And the said Mr. Tredweye to hold the said premises during his life under the orders of this House.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 January, 43 Elizabeth, A.D. 1600-1, before EDWARD COOKE, attorney general, JOHN CROKE, recorder of the City of London, ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOLDYNGE, and others.

Order that the gentlemen who kept private commons last Christmas shall be allowed 4*li.* as in times past.

Order that the panierman, the under cook, and the two turnbroaches shall be allowed 3*s.* 4*d.* a week each for watching the house at Christmas last.

Order that the officers who were out of commons last Christmas be allowed for their board wages weekly during the keeping of private commons 3*s.* 4*d.* each, as accustomed.

Stewards for the reader's dinner next Lent vacation :—Mr. Stapleton and Mr. Clayton.

Order that Mr. Noell of the bar, who was put out of commons in Trinity term last for loss of an imparlance, be remitted into commons upon paying such duties for vacations and otherwise as he doth owe to the House. And the 40*s.* tendered by him at the table's end, for his fine, is ordered to be accepted in part of payment for his duties, and he is to pay the residue before coming into commons, except for one vacation or part of a vacation lost in the time of Mr. Richard Daveys, reader for Lent, 41 Elizabeth, which was in the time of his sickness, for which Mr. Dolman, late treasurer, allowed him to serve another vacation, which he is ordered to do.

Order that Mr. Adams of the bar who was put out of commons last term for uncivil and indecent words and speeches by him uttered as well at the table's end as of Mr. Tredweye, the late treasurer, is remitted into commons upon paying 40*s.* fine and his duties due to the House.

PARLIAMENT held on 8 February, 43 Elizabeth, A.D. 1600-1, before EDWARD COOKE, attorney general, JOHN CROKE, recorder of the City of London, ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOLDYNGE, RICHARD TREDWEY, and others. RICHARD DAVEYS, treasurer.

Mr. Ralph Wright discharged from being any longer pledge for Mr. Fitz Randolphe, Mr. Francis Kynnersley, Mr. George Pott, Mr. Edward Rossetor, Mr. Thomas Stukeley, and Mr. George Stukeley, upon paying the debts due by them to this House. And the said gentlemen shall not be received into commons till they have put in new pledges.

Order that Mr. Aldyngton, being *extra per mandatum* for his long hair, upon his humble suit shall be remitted into commons, upon tendering his fine of 40*s.* at the table's end.

Special admission of Edmund Arscott, of Tetcott, in the county of Devon, gent., gratis, at the request of Richard Daveys, esquire, one of the benchers, and now treasurer, in respect of his double reading in Lent, 41 Elizabeth.

"Whereas divers and many gentlemen, fellows of this House and society, are very negligent and slack in coming to the church to hear divine service, and to go abroad into the City of London and other places in and near the suburbs of the same city in cloaks and hats, and some booted, and spurred, and weaponed, and some unweaponed, and otherwise unseemly attired and arrayed, contrary to the ancient orders of this House and government of the same, whereby the said gentlemen, fellows of this House and Society, are much emboldened to and the rather do repair unto, haunt, and frequent many unfit and dangerous places for them, yea, oftentimes, to some of their utter overthrow and undoing, and also do wear long hair, very indecent and unseemly for gentlemen of their profession, for remedy and reformation whereof, and for their good in many respects, it is now at this present parliament, by advice of the lords the judges enacted, ordered, and decreed that all the gentlemen, fellows of this Society, being in commons or lodging within the House, shall ordinarily come and repair unto the church within the same House, and there in the same church shall hear divine service and sermons at the usual days and times when such divine service and sermons are there exercised,

unless they be hindered by sickness or have some other reasonable cause to the contrary. And, moreover, shall once at the least in every year within the said church receive the holy communion. And further that no gentleman, which is now or at any time hereafter shall be fellow of this House and Society, shall wear any long or unseemly hair or at any time hereafter shall go or travel into the said City or into any the places aforesaid in any cloak and hat, booted, spurred, weaponed or unweaponed, or otherwise than in his gown, unless it be when he shall go or travel out of the town.

"And it is further likewise enacted and ordered that no gentleman, fellow of this House and Society, shall at any time hereafter go or pass to or fro within the House, gardens, and walks thereof but only in his gown.

"And further it is enacted and ordered that no gentleman, fellow of this House and Society, at any time hereafter shall lodge in this House when commons of this House shall be kept, unless he shall be here ordinarily in commons, except it be for such time only as he shall be sick or otherwise so infirmed that he cannot endure the diet here in the Hall, and except it be that he, within three days after, shall go, travel, or ride out of the Town, and also for the like space after his coming again to the town, and this *bona fide* and without fraud; and that no gentleman of the society of this House shall lodge, license, or permit and suffer any person or persons, not being fellow of this House and Society, to lodge in his chamber, except it be the servant or servants of such gentleman, fellow of this House and Society.

"And it is further also enacted and ordered that special regard be had that none hereafter shall be admitted into this House and fellowship of the same, but only such as shall be of good parentage and of no evil behaviour before they shall be admitted.

"And further also it is enacted and ordered that special regard be had hereafter to and for the calling of sufficient students to the outer bar in this House, and likewise for the calling of learned and sufficient persons to the bench here, and such also to both the said places as shall be holden, and thought to be of good and sound religion and likely to serve the commonwealth."

PARLIAMENT held on 3 May, 43 Elizabeth, A.D. 1601, before EDWARD COKE, attorney general, JOHN CROKE, recorder of London, ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOLDINGE, JOHN DOLMAN, RICHARD TREDWEY, and others. RICHARD DAVEYS, treasurer.

Pensions asseessed at 2*s*.

Reader for next summer vacation:—Mr. Roger Dale.

Attendants on the reader:—Mr. Hugh Hare and Mr. Anthony Dyott.

Special admission of William Coventree, gent., one of the sons of Mr. Thomas Coventree, esquire, a bencher, gratis.

Order that Mr. Thomas Wrothe, a bencher, shall be fined 40*li*. for not reading his second reading in Lent vacation last, being chosen on that behalf.

Mr. Robert Drake of the bar discharged from being pledge for Mr. Arthur Radford, whose debts to the House he has paid. And the said Mr. Radford shall put in new pledges before his admittance or coming into commons.

PARLIAMENT held 24 May, 43 Elizabeth, A.D. 1601, before EDWARD COOKE, esquire, attorney general, JOHN CROKE, esquire, recorder of the City of London, ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOLDYNGE, JOHN DOLMAN, RICHARD TREDWEY, and others. RICHARD DAVEYS, treasurer.

Special admission, gratis, of John Croke, gent., son and heir of John Croke, esquire, recorder of the City of London, a bencher.

Order that Robert Morgan, gent., one of the sons of Edward Morgan, esquire, an ancient of the bar in this House, shall be admitted for 20*s*. fine, albeit he has not been fully two years of Clifford's Inn.

Admission of Edward Martyn, son and heir apparent of Mr. Henry Martyn, an ancient of the bar of this House, gratis, in like manner to the admission of Nicholas Purefrey, gent., son of Michael Purefrey, esquire, another ancient of the bar, by act of parliament dated 3 November, 1598.

Mr. Ellis Hele, one of the bar, discharged from being pledge

for Mr. Baron, having paid the duties of the House due by the said Mr. Baron. And the said Mr. Baron shall not be admitted to commons till he shall put in new pledges.

Mr. Humphrey Repyngton in like manner discharged from being pledge to Mr. Edward Mountforte.

Mr. Rees Gwynne and Mr. John Lloyd in like manner discharged from being pledges for Mr. Bodvile.

Order that Mr. Johnson, one of the Society, may quietly enjoy the chamber in Mr. Gawen's Buildings, wherein he stands admitted, without interruption from Paul Smythe, gent., who was formerly admitted thereto, without Mr. Smythe can show sufficient cause to the contrary.

Order for Mr. Richard Langford and Mr. Robert Redmer, two gentlemen of this House, to take away and wall up a door lately made by them out of a lower chamber in Mr. Fuller's Buildings, to which they were admitted, on the north side of the said lower chamber, into a little yard, on the back side thereof and behind the same, as the said little yard has been held by Mr. Thomas Norris, one of the ancients of the bar, Mr. Joseph Holland, and Mr. Edward Farrand, two gentlemen of this Society, and others of their chambers for thirty years, who as formerly shall solely enjoy the same.

The motion by the treasurer to be admitted into the chamber where Mr. Justice Beamont and his brother Henry lodged, near to Ram Alley, referred to the next parliament.

"Touching the armour and order therein, it is referred to further consideration as need and occasion shall require."

The motion touching another puisne butler to be appointed, whereby another second butler may be taken up to attend upon the bench table, is referred to the consideration of the table.

Richard Marple's account referred to the treasurer, Mr. Hugh Hare, Mr. Foster, and Mr. Dale, or any three of them.

Mr. Edward Stapleton, Mr. John Hele, and Mr. Robert Baker called to the bench.

Admittance of Richard Daveys, esquire, now treasurer, to the chamber, lodging, and rooms, which Mr. Justice Beamont and his brother, Mr. Henry Beamont, heretofore had, near to Ram Alley in the north end of the buildings there, called Mr. Fuller's Rents or Buildings. To hold the same to the said Mr. Daveys during his life.

PARLIAMENT held on 14 June, 43 Elizabeth, A.D. 1601, before JOHN CROKE, recorder of the City of London, ANDREW GRAYE, JOHN DOLMAN, RICHARD TREDWEY, and others. RICHARD DAVEYS, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner next summer vacation :—Mr. Stapleton, E., and Mr. Hele, John, the elder.

Mr. Thomas Poole, one of the bar, discharged from being pledge for Mr. Thomas Barley, having paid his debts due to the House. And the said Mr. Barley not to be received into commons till he shall put in fresh pledges.

Mr. John Badger, a fellow of this House, in like manner discharged from being a pledge for Mr. Richard Wright.

Special admission of Thomas Hele, gent., son of John Hele, esquire, a bencher, gratis, because his father is a bencher.

Ordered that the fine of 40*li.* imposed upon Thomas Wrothe, esquire, for not reading (for his second reading) at the last Lent vacation, be reduced to 20*li.*, as he alleges that the cause of his not reading was by reason of his infirmities and weakness of his body.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 July, 43 Elizabeth, A.D. 1601, before JOHN CROKE, recorder of the City of London, ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOLDINGE, JOHN DOLMAN, RICHARD TREDWEY, and others.

Mr. Adams, of the bar, discharged from being pledge for Mr. Thomas Holte, Mr. Francis Holte, Mr. Dacres, Mr. Weldon, and Mr. Harryes, he having already paid over 23*li.* for the debts of the same gentlemen due to the House. And the said gentlemen shall not be received into commons until they have put in new pledges.

Order that Mr. Tredwey, Mr. John Hare, Mr. Prideaux, and Mr. Dale, or any three of them, "shall have conference with Mr. Treasurer and others of the bench of the Middle Temple touching a preacher, his stipend, and how the same shall be paid, and also the preacher's lodging."

PARLIAMENT held on 11 October, 43 Elizabeth, A.D. 1601, before JOHN CROKE, recorder of the City of London, ANDREW GRAYE, HUGH HARE, THOMAS COVENTREE, GEORGE WIELDE, and others. RICHARD DAVEYS, treasurer.

Order that the money disbursed by the treasurer for one-half the reader's drinking last summer vacation on behalf of Mr. Francis Reade, one of the stewards of the same drinking, who refused to provide the same, and all the said Mr. Reade's other duties unpaid, shall be levied forthwith upon his pledges.

The petition of Mistress Balgaye, widow, referred to the bench table.

The letter of Mr. Wrothe "for qualifying his fine of 20*li.* for not reading double in his turn," referred to the next parliament.

"It is ordered and decreed by the general voice and consent of all my masters of the bench, present at this parliament, that Mr. Robert Pye, being an utter barrister of this Society, shall from henceforth be and remain disgraded from the degree and place at the bar, and be also expulsed and put out of this House and fellowship of the same for a most foul and treacherous practice of his, in the wrongful and malicious persecuting against Christopher Merricke, gent., one also of the utter barristers of this House, to the endangering of the life and loss of lands and goods of the said Mr. Merricke."

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 43 Elizabeth, A.D. 1601, before EDWARD COKE, attorney general, ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOLDYNGE, JOHN DOLMAN, RICHARD TREDWEY, and others. RICHARD DAVEYS, treasurer.

Pension assessed at 2*s.*

"Mr. Hugh Hare, who should by turn have read this next Lent, is spared till Lent come twelvemonth in respect of many his great occasions, and then is to read if God enable him to endure the pains thereof, and for this next Lent vacation Mr. Dyott is appointed reader."

Auditors for the treasurer's account:—Mr. Hugh Hare, Mr. George Wylde, Mr. Cocke, and Mr. Jackson.

Auditors for the steward's account:—Mr. Towse, Mr. Dale, Mr. Rosse, and Mr. John Walter.

Marshals for the grand Christmas:—Sir Henry Cocke, Sir Thomas Lucas, and Sir Thomas Barnardiston.

Stewards for the grand Christmas:—Mr. David Waterhous, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Byshoppe.

Butlers for the grand Christmas:—Mr. Pytt and Mr. Warneford.

"Touching the armour, it is ordered that the same shall be offered to be sold, and the most that may be had for the same, Mr. Treasurer to acquaint the bench therewith."

Order for Mr. Wrothe's fine to be referred to next parliament.

The motion by Mortymer, the gardener, to be allowed for herbs by him bought for the garden, is referred to be considered of at the table.

Mr. Wright's claim to a parcel of ground near to Ram Alley by force of an ancient order of this House, is referred to Mr. Goldynge, Mr. Tredwey, Mr. Towse, and Mr. Prydeaux, or any three of them, to view the same, and certify the next parliament.

The motion touching John Gorge and the turnspits, as to an order taken this time twelvemonth for allowance to be made them by Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Recorder, out of the money which Ambrose Jasper received from George Lowe, now chief cook, is continued till the first parliament of next term. And in the meantime Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Recorder to be put in mind thereof.

The remitting of Mr. Redmers into commons is referred to the table, and he is to tender there forty shillings for his fine.

Treasurer:—Mr. Ralph Ratclyffe.

PARLIAMENT held on 22 November, 44 Elizabeth, A.D. 1601, before ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOLDYNGE, JOHN DOLMAN, RICHARD TREDWEY, RICHARD DAVEYS, HUGH HARE, and others. RALPH RADCLYFFE, treasurer.

Order that Mr. Wrothe shall cause to be brought to the table's end this present term the sum of 20*li.*, and then and there to be ordered whether all or how much thereof he shall pay for his fine.

"Upon a motion made touching the armour lately bought to the use of the House, and for her Majesty's service, it was ordered that the same should be delivered unto the now treasurer by the true note by which the same was bought, and the same to lie in safety for a certain time in the chamber of Mr. Davey's, the late treasurer, for that he hath more convenient rooms for the same, and the sale or other disposition thereof in the mean season to be referred unto the table."

General admission of Thomas Dewport, son of Mr. Henry Dewport, an ancient utter barrister of this House, gratis, in respect of his father's place and antiquity.

Order that Mr. Robert Brooke, gent., one of the Society, being lately made *extra per mandatum* for lodging a stranger and a suspected person in his chamber, be now re-admitted, but before he come into commons he shall receive the communion in the Temple Church and then come to the table's end and tender his fine according to the order of this House.

The claim of Mr. Wright to a parcel of ground near Rame Alley by lease from this House at the yearly rent of 12*d.*, is referred to the table's end.

Special admission of Thomas Newman, gent., sometime a butler of this House, gratis, in respect of his good service.

Order "that Mr. Tresham, having been expulsed the House for a stroke given in the hall at the reading time" in respect of his great suit and humble submission, and having been kept out of the House for three years, shall now be restored in his former estate, coming to the table's end according to the order of this House.

Order that the panierman, the under cook, and two turnbroaches shall be allowed their several weekly allowances, as in times past, for watching the House and chambers for seven weeks last summer vacation. "Albeit this their petition should have been exhibited on their behalf in the first parliament of this Michaelmas term."

PARLIAMENT held 24 January, 44 Elizabeth, A.D. 1601-2, before ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOLDYNGE, JOHN DOLMAN, RICHARD TREDWEY, and others. RALPH RADCLYFFE, treasurer.

Order that the gentlemen who kept commons last Christmas shall be allowed 4*li.*, as accustomed, "nevertheless the baker and brewer to be first paid for the credit of the House."

Order that the paniermen, the under cook, and turnbroaches shall be allowed 3*s.* 4*d.* each, weekly, for watching the House at Christmas last.

Order that the officers of the House, who were out of commons last Christmas, be allowed for their board wages weekly during the keeping of privy commons, 3*s.* 4*d.*, according as they have been accustomed.

Order for the discharge of Mr. Clayton, who was heretofore chosen one of the stewards of the reader's dinner in Mr. Wrothe's reading, in respect that the reading was not performed and the said Mr. Clayton was at some charges and complains of his disabilities to perform the same office.

Stewards for the reader's dinner next Lent vacation :—Mr. Robert Barker and Mr. Adrian Stoughton.

Special admission of Bestney Barker, son and heir of Mr. Robert Barker, a bencher, gratis.

Mr. William Lee, an ancient utter barrister, having been out of commons a long time, is restored into commons again, paying only such duties as are owing to the House.

Special admission of George Ledsham, the late steward, in respect of his former good service.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 February, 44 Elizabeth, A.D. 1601-2, before EDWARD COOKE, attorney general, JOHN CROOKE, recorder of the City of London, ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOLDYNGE, JOHN DOLMAN, RICHARD TREDWEYE, and others. RALPH RADCLYFFE, treasurer.

"Motion was made that the great charges of expense of the stewards for the reader's drinking might have been abridged, but

after debate and due consideration thereof had, it was ordered that the said charge shall be left to the discretion of the stewards to be hereafter chosen, as in times past it hath been."

Order that —— Cowell, gent., a fellow of this House, being *extra per mandatum*, shall be restored into commons, paying 40*s.* at the table's end.

Order that Thomas Badger be restored in like manner.

Allotment of one lower chamber with a study and a chimney in the same, a wood house adjoining, one chamber over the said chamber, and a little chamber newly built thereunto adjoining, with a garret over all the new chambers, parcel of Mr. Richard Tredwey's chamber, to Mr. Edmund Prideaux, a bencher and reader of this house.

Order that the following persons admitted by Mr. Anthony Dyott, reader in Lent last, shall be admitted gratis :—Dudley, Lord North of Kirtling, in the County of Cambridge, Sir Robert Carye, lord warden of the Middle Marches, knight, Sir William Courtney of Powderham, in the County of Devon, knight, Francis Manneres of Belvoir (*Bavoyer*), in the county of Leicester, esquire, Francis Lisle of Godstone, in the county of Surrey, esquire, and Charles Parker, son of Lord Morley, esquire.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 April, 44 Elizabeth, A.D. 1602, before EDWARD COKE, attorney general, JOHN CROOKE, recorder of the City of London, ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOLDINGE, JOHN DOLMAN, RICHARD TREDWAYE, and others. RALPH RADCLYFFE, treasurer.

Pensions assessed at 2*s.*

Reader for next summer vacation :—Mr. Edward Stapleton.

Attendants on the reader :—Mr. Hugh Hare and Mr. Hele.

Order, at the petition of Mr. William Cooke, an ancient utter barrister of this House, for a benevolence, that 5*s.* a week be cast up in the commons and given him, he being fallen into decay by reason of sundry occasions, having behaved himself always orderly and with the good opinion of this society, and having been a reader in Chancery and done his endeavours for the service of the House.

PARLIAMENT held on 16 May, 44 Elizabeth, A.D. 1602, before EDWARD COKE, attorney general, JOHN CROKE, recorder of the City of London, ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOLDINGE, JOHN DOLMAN, RICHARD TREDWEY, and others. RALPH RADCLYFFE, treasurer.

Order for Mr. Henry Farrar to be received into commons again upon tendering his fine of 40*s.* at the table's end, he having been *extra per mandatum* for not paying 6*li.* owing to the steward for his commons.

Special admission of Mr. William Copinger of Lavenham, in the county of Suffolk, gent., gratis, at the request of Anthony Dyott, esquire, in regard of his first reading in Lent, 1602.

PARLIAMENT held on 6 June, 44 Elizabeth, A.D. 1602, before EDWARD COOKE, attorney general, JOHN CROOKE, recorder of the City of London, ANDREW GRAYE, JOHN DOLMAN, ROBERT GOLDINGE, RICHARD TREDWEY, and others. RALPH RADCLYFFE, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner next summer vacation :—Mr. John Fleete and Mr. John Harryes.

Special admission of Walter Heale, youngest son of Mr. Serjeant Heale, gratis, at the request of his father.

PARLIAMENT held on 20 June, 44 Elizabeth, A.D. 1602, before EDWARD COOKE, attorney general, JOHN CROOKE, recorder of the City of London, ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOLDINGE, JOHN DOLMAN, RICHARD TREDWEY, and others. RALPH RADCLYFFE, treasurer.

Whereas Mr. Doctor Masters, master of the Temple, has complained that certain gentlemen of this House and others, strangers, are lodged in sundry chambers belonging to him in respect of his mastership, and will neither yield up possession thereof nor pay him any rent for the same, it is ordered that Mr. Hugh Hare, Mr John Hare, Mr. Brownlowe, and Mr. Towze, or any two of them, calling before them the persons so offending, shall have conference with the

said Doctor Masters and the said gentlemen, and hear the griefs, titles, and interests of either party, and certify the bench table.

Order that Mr. Goldinge, Mr. Tredweye, Mr. Towze, and Mr. Prydeaux shall confer with the treasurer and bench of the Middle Temple, "touching a convenient pension or yearly contribution to be given unto a preacher for the further ease of the master of the Temple, and for reading of two lectures every week in the term and vacation, namely, upon Sunday and Thursday at evening prayer, and therefor to certify the bench table."

Order "that whereas sundry persons having shops and houses in the city of London, have, notwithstanding, erected shops and standings for sales of wares within the Cloister and other places belonging to this House, by reason whereof divers inconveniences do daily arise, and besides that many such poor persons, that do and have done of long time good service unto the said House, are much hindered in the utterance of their wares and in their trades, that from henceforth the persons so offending, having no lawful licence or interest for their said shops and standings, or having shops and houses in the city for their trades, shall be removed and discharged from their said places, shops, and standings, so being used and erected against the orders of the said House."

Order "for the better ordering and safety of the House as well in the term as in the vacation, and for further safety unto the chambers of the said House, that William Knyght, the glover, shall have authority, together with the aid of others that have shops in or about the said House of the Inner Temple, for the apprehension of all idle, wandering, and suspicious persons and such others as shall be found begging or loitering within or about the said House, and also that the said William Knyghte shall have the portership and keeping of the keys to open and shut and keep the gates in and about the said House to be opened and shut at convenient hours, namely, to be opened at four of the clock in the morning and to be shut at ten of the clock in the night in the summer season, and to be opened at five of the clock in the morning and shut at nine of the clock in the night in the winter season."

PARLIAMENT held on 10 October, 44 Elizabeth, A.D. 1602, before EDWARD COOKE, attorney general, JOHN CROOKE, recorder of the City of London, ANDREW GRAYE, HUGH HARE, and others. RALPH RADCLYFFE, treasurer.

Order that the under cook, the panierman, and two turnbroaches shall be allowed 2*s.* 6*d.* a week each, for their several weekly allowances as in times past, for watching the House and chambers by the space of eight weeks in the last summer vacation.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 44 Elizabeth, A.D. 1602, before EDWARD COOKE, attorney general, JOHN CROOKE, recorder of the City of London, ANDREW GRAYE, ROBERT GOLDINGE, JOHN BULLOCKE, RICHARD TREDWEY, and others. RALPH RADCLYFFE, treasurer.

Pensions assessed at 2*s.*

Mr. Hugh Hare elected double reader for the next Lent vacation.

Attendants on the said reader :—Mr. Coventrey and Mr. Hele.

Auditors for the treasurer's account :—Mr. Tredwey, Mr. Laughton, Mr. Harrys, and Mr. Ellis Heele.

Marshals for the grand Christmas :—Sir Henry Cock, Sir Thomas Lucas, and Sir Thomas Barnardiston.

Stewards for the grand Christmas :—Mr. David Waterhouse, Mr. Wryght, and Mr. Byshoppe.

Butlers for the grand Christmas :—Mr. Pytte and Mr. Warneforde.

Order "that whereas in the time of Mr. Davyes, late treasurer, upon sudden occasion the House was commanded to furnish a certain number of armour for her Majesty's service, which then was provided and bought at the price of 104*li.*, whereof there was paid in hand 54*li.*, and the residue, being fifty pounds, bonds were made by the then treasurer and others, the benchers then in commons, for the payment thereof at a day then following, before which day Mr. Davyes leaving his place, and Mr. Radclyffe then chosen treasurer," at the parliament held 22 November, 1601, it was ordered that

Mr. Radclyffe, then treasurer, should take a true note in writing of all particulars of the said armour, and that the chamber of the said Mr. Davyes being thought most convenient for keeping the same, that it should continue there until further order should be taken at the table's end. "Whereupon afterwards, the bench being informed at the table that the armour would be a charge to keep, and being informed by the said Mr. Davyes that the armourer would then give but 50*li.* for the said armour, the benchers did then upon good and due consideration resolve by one consent at the table, that because the House was indebted otherwise, and that it would be very chargeable and troublesome to keep the said armour in safety without detriment, that the said armour should be re-delivered unto the armourer in full satisfaction of the said debt of fifty pounds and the bond before taken for the payment thereof to be re-delivered, which was so done accordingly. Whereupon for the better satisfaction of the petition made by the said Mr. Radclyffe, to the intent and purpose that the disposition of the said armour might hereafter further appear by the Parliament Book, it is now ordered and enacted at this parliament that all their said order and direction before had and taken at the table as concerning the disposition of the armour, shall be fully ratified, confirmed, and allowed, and the said Mr. Radclyffe thereof clearly discharged of any other account to be made for the same."

Order "at the petition of Thomas Mydleton, the clerk of the Temple Church, for that he hath been diligent the last year past to ring the little bell in every court of the said House of the Inner Temple, according to the request of sundry the benchers, utter barristers, and gentlemen of this House, who before could not hear the church bells ring, that the said Thomas Mydleton, the clerk, should be allowed for this year 10*s.*, and that from henceforth, if he continue his said service and do ring the said little bell in every court in and about the said House of the Inner Temple as he hath done, that then so long as he shall continue the same his service in ringing, he should have allowed him yearly for his pains 10*s.* by the year, in like sort as the Middle Temple, as he has informed the treasurer, do allow unto him."

Admission of Robert Mydleton, son and heir of Mr. Robert Mydleton, in respect that his father "is an ancient utter barrister and

near for antiquity unto the degree of the bench," upon paying only 20*s*.

Admission of Thomas Foster, son and heir of Thomas Foster, gent., one of the masters' commons and under the bar; because his father has been steward of the reader's drinking, and sustained great charges for the credit and service of this House, he shall be admitted upon paying only 40*s*.

"Whereas the lords the judges, do request for their better prospect from Serjeants' Inn garden that certain trees near the chambers of Mr. Anthony Dyet and Mr. Stapleton, benchers of this House, should be lopped, it is therefore ordered that the said trees for that cause shall be lopped in reasonable manner, namely, such boughs taken away only as are offensive to the prospect of any lords the judges, from their said garden of Serjeants' Inn."

Treasurer :—Mr. Hugh Hare.

MISCELLANEA.

Copy of the order made at the Parliament held on 25 April, 1602, touching the benevolence granted to Mr. William Cooke, also of an order dated 8 July, 1606, granting to Mr. John Marsh 6*s*. 8*d*. a week for one year, and another order dated 10 February, 1648-9, granting 20*s*. a week to Mr. Edward Trotman.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 November, 45 Elizabeth, A.D. 1602, before ANDREW GREY, RICHARD TREDWEY, THOMAS COVENTRYE, and others. HUGH HARE, treasurer.

Special admission of John Cowper, grandchild of Mr. Stapleton, a bencher of this House, by reason of the special admission due to him in respect of his reading in summer last.

"Whereas Mr. George Hunter was put out of commons for the excessive long hair which he wore on his head, forasmuch as the said Mr. Hunt hath now reformed the same to the good liking of all the bench," he is re-admitted into commons and pardoned his fine of 40*s*.

PARLIAMENT held on 30 January, 45 Elizabeth, A.D. 1602-3, before ANDREW GREYE, ROBERT GOLDINGE, RICHARD TREDWEYE, RALPH RATCLIFF, and others.

It is ordered at the request of Mr. Edmond Prideaux, a bencher, that Mr. Thomas Ayleworth, who is now to marry Prideaux' daughter, be specially admitted, without paying anything for the same.

Special admission of John Wylde, eldest son of Mr. George Wylde, a bencher, at the request of his father, without payment.

Special admission of Edmund Wylde, nephew of the said Mr. George Wylde, at the request of his said uncle, upon paying 40*s.*

Stewards for the reader's dinner next Lent vacation:—Mr. Cuthbert Reynoldes and Mr. Thomas Gibbon.

Allowance of 4*li.* to the gentlemen who kept commons last Christmas as in times past, "nevertheless the baker and brewer to be first paid for the credit of the House."

Allowance of 3*s.* 4*d.* a week, each, to John Gorge, Roger Bothbie, Henry Braunche, and John Valley for watching the House at Christmas last.

Like allowance to the officers of the House out of commons last Christmas, for board wages during privy commons.

PARLIAMENT held on 6 February, 45 Elizabeth, A.D. 1602-3, before JOHN CROKE, ANDREW GREYE, RICHARD TREDWEYE, RALPH RATCLIFF, and others.

Forasmuch as John Croke, Thomas Coventrye, Lawrence Tanfield, Thomas Foster, and Robert Barker have received the Queen's writs to be serjeants at law at Easter term next, it is ordered that Mr. Hugh Hare shall be discharged of his reading at this next vacation, and the said Mr. Barker, being puisne of the said serjeants, shall read for the vacation following.

Attendants on the reader:—Hugh Hare and John Hele.

Whereas at the petition of Mr. Henry Duport, of the bar, it was ordered on 27 June, 1585, that no person thereafter should, during his life, be admitted to the chambers built by Mr. Robert Wodlef in the Great Garden, wherein he then stood admitted, without his con-

sent, and on 26 November, 1587, it was further ordered that the said chambers should be benchers' chambers; after which, Thomas Duport, gent., then a fellow, son of the said Henry, by consent of the said Henry, was admitted to the same chambers. Now, upon petition of the said Henry, it is ordered that the admittance of the said Thomas shall stand good during his life, and after the deaths of the aforesaid Henry and Thomas, the said chambers shall remain to the House as benchers' chambers.

APPENDIX No. I.

THE ROLL OF A SUBSIDY LEVIED UPON MEMBERS OF THE INNS OF COURT AND CHANCERY AND OFFICERS OF THE COURTS OF LAW, A.D. 1523.

Public Record Office, Lay Subsidy, Divers Counties, Bundle 240, *No.* 273.

HENRY THE EIGHT by the grace of God Kyng of England and of Fraunce, Defensor of the Faith, and Lord of Irlond, To our trusty and right welbeloved Syr John Fyneux, knyght, chief justice of our Bench, Syr Robert Brudenell, knyght, chief justice of our Common Benche, Sir John Fitz-Jamys, knyght, chief baron of our Eschequer, Syr Humfrey Conyngesby, Syr Lewes Pollard, Syr John Moore, Syr Rychard Broke, knyghts, Anthony Fitzherbert, and to our right welbeloved John Rooper, our attourney, William Wotton, Humfrey Wyngfeld, Thomas Lucas, and Rauf Swillyngton, Gretyng. Where we of late have been advertised from our right dere couson the Duke of Suffolk to our right grete comfort and honour of this our royalme, that he with his army being passed all Picardy without resistence after the towne of Aucre and other places wonne by dedytion[1] and the towne of Bray gotten by force and assault, with divers strong passages over the river of Soomme valiauntly wonne ayenst Capitayn Ponteremyr accompanyed with a grete nombre bothe of horsemen and fotemen, of whome some were taken, many slayn and drowned, and the residue putt to flight, is nowe proceeding with our said army towards the Citie of Paris, not likely to be impeched or withstanded by our enemyes. And semblablie our right welbeloved cousyn the Duke of Burbon, being one of the gretest prinsis of Fraunce, nowe become our servaunt, and for divers urgent causes declared enemy unto the French Kyng, accompanied with ten thousand Almaynes at our charges and enterteignment, besydes a grete nombre of horsmen and other fotemen, to whom also resortith daily for his assistence divers and many noblemen and capitaynes of Fraunce with their bands taking our partie, doo likewise march serching and persuing our auncient enemy

[1] Surrender.

the said French Kyng, in and to what place he shall deverte, minding and determined to yeve him battaill wheresoever they shall find hym. We therefore syns it hath pleased Almyghty Good to send unto us this good successe wherein there is grete towardness and apparaunce of notable victorie to ensue, by the advyse our Counsyll be minded and determyned to followe the same with all effect; and inasmoche as the premissis cannot convenyentley and to our honour and suertie be doon without as well new reforcement of a grete nomber of men to be sent unto our said army, as well as the contynuall enterteignment of our said armyes by all this wynter tyme within the said roialme of Fraunce, for the charges whereof grete and notable somes of money be necessarily requisite to be had, have by thiese presents auctorised you and twoe of you at the lest to practise with all the fellowes of the Innes of Court and Chancery and the officers, attournes, clerks, and other ministers of our courts of our Bench, at the Plees before us to be holden, the Common Place, and the Eschequer, at this terme being present and about London, having in goods or lands forty powndes and above, for anticipation, speedy and prompt payment furthwith immediately and without delay, of such somes of money as by vertue of the grant and act of subsidy made unto us in our last parliament, by theym due unto us for and after the first sessing of the said subsidie, in the anticipation and avauncing whereof beforehand they shall administre unto us singular pleaseur, yevyng us cause to think that they have in their good remembrance our honour, wealth, suertie, and the good proceeding and successe of our affaires, with the honour and reputation of this our roilame, that is likely thereof to succeed and folowe. And as touching such somes of money as by anticipation shalbe paid, as is aforesaid, wee woll and by vertue of these presents auctorise you, the said William Wotton, from tyme to tyme perticulerly to receyve the same according to such bill and billes as by you, our said other joynt commissioners with you or twoe of the same, as is beforesaid, at the lest, shalbe orderid, made, and delyvered to you, the said Wotton, and the bill and bylles signed with the hand of you, the said William Wotton, specifieng and mencioning the receipt and paiment of any some or somes of money for the said anticipation shalbe good and sufficient discharge for every of theim, as well ayenst us in our Eschequer and elsewhere as ayenst all other our collectours and subcollectours havyng charge of collection thereof, without anything to be taken or receyved for the same, Willing and commaunding you, as ye tendre our honour, suertie, and defence of this our roialme and the prosperous success of our affaires, that ye in suche wyse indevour yourself in and about the speedy execution of this our commission, that not onely the money that shall growe thereof may be brought and paid to the thresaurer of our Chambre before the last day of this present moneth at the ferthest, but also that ye, before the said last day make true and plaine certificat distinctly and perticlerly before us and our said

Counsaill at Westminster, what ye shall doo in the premisses. And moreover we woll and commaund all and singuler maires, shireffes, baillieffes, constabils, and other our officers and faithfull subjectes, that in your executing the premisses they be aiding, helping, counsailling, and assisting you as they woll aunswer unto us at their uttermost perilles. Yeven undre our greate seale, at our Paloys of Westminster, the second day of Novembre, the xv yere of our reing. [A.D. 1523.] PEXSALL.

This bill indented made this xxj day of November in the xv year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord Kyng Henry the viijth King of England and of France, Defender of the Faith and Lord of Ireland, bitwene Sir John Fyneux, knyght, chief justice at the Plees afore the King's Highness to be holden, Sir Robert Brudenell, knight, chief justice of the Comen Bench, Sir John FitzJames, knight, chief baron of the King's Eschequer, Sir Humfrey Conygesbye, Sir Lewes Pollerd, Sir John More, Sir Richard Broke, knyghtes, Antony Fitzherbert, John Roper, the King's attorney, Humfrey Wyngfeld, Thomas Lucas, and Rauf Swyllyington, comyssioners appointed and authorysed by our seid Soverayn lord the King by his letters patentes, dated the ij^{de} day of November, in the xvth yer of his most noble reign, to practyse with all and singular our loving subjects the fellowes of the cumpanys of the Innes of Court and Chancerye, and the officers, attorneys, clerks and ministers of the King's courts of his Bench, at his Plees before his grace to be holden, the Comen Place, and the Escheker, now being present this terme and about London, having in goodes or landes xl*li* or above, for anticipation of the first payment, without delay, of such summes of money as by vertue of the graunt and act of subsidie made to his Highness at his last parlement, as shall be by theym due to his Grace, on the oon parte, and William Wotton, another of the forsaid commyssioners in the said letters patent nameid and by the same appointed and auctorysed particularly to receyve from tyme to tyme the forseid summes of money of the aforenamed the King's subjects, according to such bill and bills, as by the said other comyssioners or two of them at the leste shall be made, and to the said William Wotton delyvered, on the other parte, Wittnessith the said comyssioners have delyvered the day and yer abovesed a sedull indented, whereof the oone part, to the oone part of this byll indented, remayning with the said William Wotton, is annexid, and the other part of the sed sedull indented is annexed to the other parte of this byll indented, remaining with the said comyssioners, in which sedull indented, playnly it is expressid and specified the names and surnames of the foreseid Kinge's subjects which appered afore the said commissioners by vertue of the seid comyssion, with the summes of money by them agreed for anticipacion of the said first payment of the said subsidie. In witnesse whereof the

forseid parties to these present bylls indented interchangeably have sette their seales, the day and yer abovesaid.

Nomina sociorum Interioris Templi, præter illos qui sunt officiarii in curiis domini Regis ad Placita coram ipso Rege tenenda, Communi Banco, et Scaccario.

	Substancia.	Subsidium domini Regis.
Robertus Brudenell, in bonis	lxvj*li.*	iij*li.* vj.*s.*
Thomas Lucas, in bonis	cc*li.*	x*li.*
Radulphus Swyllyngton, in bonis	cc*li.*	x*li.*
Edwardus Halys, senior, in bonis	lxxx*li.*	iiij*li.*
Johannes Scotte, in bonis	cc*li.*	x*li.*
Johannes Baldewyn, in bonis	cxxxiij*li.*	vj*li.* xiij*s.*
Johannes Baker, in bonis	lx*li.*	iij*li.*
Henricus Whyte, senior, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Johannes Mores, in bonis	ccc*li.*	xv*li.*
—— Latton, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*
Ricardus Warde, in bonis	lxvj*li.*	iij*li.* vj*s.*
Petrus Cullen (alienigina), in bonis	l*li.*	v*li.*
—— Whyddon, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Thomas Audeley, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Nicholaus Hare, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Roulandus Babyngton, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Johannis Skyllyng, in bonis	cclxxx*li.*	xiiij*li.*
Giles Polyver, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*

Nomina sociorum Medii Templi, præter illos qui sunt officiarii in curiis prædictis :—

Ricardus Lyster, in bonis	ccl*li.*	xij*li.* x*s.*
Edwardus Knyghtley, in bonis	lxvj*li.*	iij*li.* vj*s.*
Thomas Jubbes, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*
Thomas Matson, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Bartholomæus Husee, in bonis	lxvj*li.*	iij*li.* vj*s.*
Willielmus Saunders, in bonis	clxvj*li.*	viij*li.* vj*s.*
Carolus Bulkeley, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Robertus Mordaunte, in bonis	lxxxx*li.*	iiij*li.* x*s.*
Edwardus Mountague, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*
Thomas Fytzhugh, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*
Simon Fytz, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*
Thomas Holte, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Henricus Gee, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*
Jacobus Randall, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Johannes Mayne, in bonis	c*li.*	v*li.*

	Substancia.	Subsidium domini Regis.
Johannes Scudde, in Cancellario, in bonis	c*li.*	v*li.*
Johannes Danyell, in bonis	c*li.*	v*li.*
Christopherus Tredenyk, in bonis	lx*li.*	iij*li.*
Ricardus Knyghtley, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Radulphus Lowe, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Ricardus Lybbe, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Johannes Hall, in bonis	lxvj*li.*	iij*li.* vj*s.*

Nomina sociorum de Lyncoln Inne, præter illos qui sunt officiarii in curiis prædictis :—

Johannes Skewys,[1] in bonis	cc*li.*	x*li.*
Ricardus Clerke, in bonis	lxxx*li.*	iiij*li.*
Christoferus Jenny, in bonis	lx*li.*	iij*li.*
Rogerus Chamley, in bonis	cxx*li.*	vj*li.*
Johannes Harvy, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Godelacus Overton, in bonis	c*li.*	v*li.*
Willielmus Sulyard, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Willielmus Spencer, in bonis	dclxvj*li.*	xxxiij*li.* vj*s.*
Willielmus Hawlles, in bonis	lx*li.*	iij*li.*
Willielmus Heydon, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*
Willielmus Knyghtley, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*
John Wyntershall, in bonis	lx*li.*	iij*li.*
Willielmus Cleyton, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Ricardus Belamye, de London, in bonis	c*li.*	v*li.*
Johannes Grote, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
—— Melsham, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Ricardus Baynard, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Thomas Meryng,[1] in bonis	lxvj*li.*	iij*li.* vj*s.*
Johannes Palmer, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*
Willielmus Hare, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Thomas Dukman, in Cancellario, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Thomas Knyghton,[2] in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*
Ricardus Belamye, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Robertus Egerley, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*
Willielmus Marshall, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*

Nomina sociorum de Greys In, præter illos qui sunt officiarii in curiis prædictis :—

—— Miller, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*

[1] Crossed out and in margin, *Assessatur in domo domini Cardinalis.*
[2] Crossed out and in margin, *Vacat quia oneratur alio loco.*

	Substancia.	Subsidium domini Regis.
Humfridus Wyngffelde, in bonis	cxxx*li.*	vj*li.* x*s.*
Ricardus Covert, in bonis	clxxx*li.*	ix*li.*
Humfridus Colles, in bonis	lxvj*li.*	iij*li.* vj*s.*
Edwardus Whyte, in bonis	lx*li.*	iij*li.*
Edwardus Lewkenour, in bonis	lxvj*li.*	iij*li.* vj*s.*
Johannes Vernon, in bonis	cccxxxiij*li.*	xvj*li.* xiij*s.*
Willielmus Chalffounte, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Robertus Wrothe, in bonis	lxxx*li.*	iiij*li.*
Johannes Kyrton, in bonis	lxvj*li.*	iij*li.* vj*s.*
Rogerus Yorke, in bonis	lxvj*li.*	iij*li.* vj*s.*
Christofferus Halys, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*

Nomina sociorum de Furnewall In, præter illos qui sunt officiarii in curiis prædictis :—

Elias Entwysell, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Edwardus Walpole, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*

Nomina sociorum de Stronde In, præter illos qui sunt officiarii in curiis prædictis :—

Johannes Kekwhiche, in bonis	c*li.*	v*li.*
Egidius Penny, in bonis	cc*li.*	x*li.*
Johannes Forde, in bonis	cxl*li.*	vij*li.*
Thomas Hymerfford, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*
Thomas Hanard, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*

Nomina sociorum de Clyffordes In, præter illos qui sunt officiarii in curiis prædictis :—

Johannes Couper, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Johannes Sethe, senior, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*
Willielmus Myners, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Edwardus Burdon, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Johannes Frankelyn, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*
Johannes Polstede, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*
Galfridus Chamber, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*

Nomina sociorum de Newe In, præter illos qui sunt officiarii in curiis prædictus :—

Nicholaus Tufton, in bonis	clx*li.*	viij*li.*

Nomina sociorum de Davys In, prætor illos qui sunt officiarii in curiis prædictis :—

	Substancia.	Subsidium domini Regis.
Antonius Catesby, in bonis	lxxx*li.*	iiij*li.*
Johannes Lytylcote, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*

Nomina sociorum de Barnards In, præter illos qui sunt officiarii in curiis prædictis :—

Johannes Waller, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Robertus Burton, in bonis	lxvj*li.*	iij*li.* vj*s.*

Nomina sociorum de Stapull In, præter illos qui sunt officiarii in curiis prædictis :—

Johannes Payne, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Ricardus Bray, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*

Nomina sociorum de Lyons In, præter illos qui sunt officiarii in curiis prædictis :—

Nicholaus Newton, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Thomas Hache, in bonis	lxvj*li.*	iij*li.* vj*s.*
Adam Wyllyam, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*

Nomina sociorum de Clementes In, præter illos qui sunt officiarii in curiis prædictis :—

Robertus Moreton, in bonis	cc*li.*	x*li.*
Thomas Strey, in bonis	c*li.*	v*li.*
Thomas Waldram, in bonis	lxvj*li.*	iij*li.* vj*s.*
Willielmus Grey, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Ricardus Copcote, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*
Cristoferus Payn, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*

Nomina officiariorum Curiæ Domini Regis ad Placita coram ipso Rege tenenda.

Robertus Maycote, clericus paupirorum in eadem curia, in bonis	lx*li.*	lx*s.*

Nomina philizariorum Curiæ Domini Regis ad placita coram ipso Rege tenenda :—

Johannes Palmer, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*

	Substancia.	Subsidium domini Regis.
Thomas Roberts, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*
Thomas Skrymshire, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*
Ricardus Hawkys, in bonis	lx*li.*	lx*s.*
Oliverus Southworth, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Johannes Lucas in terris et feodis	lxxxij*li.*	iiij*li.* ij*s.*

Clerici Coronæ.

Thomas Blake, in bonis	c*li.*	v*li.*

Proclamator Curiæ.

Thomas Bryghtman, in bonis	c*li.*	v*li.*

Nomina officiariorum Curiæ Domini Regis de Communi Banco.

Prothonatorii.

Edwardus Stubbe, in bonis	lxvj*li.*	lxvj*s.*
Johannes Jenour, in bonis	cc*li.*	x*li.*
Willielmus Conyngysby, in bonis	cccc*li.*	xx*li.*

Cirographarius.

Johannes Pakyngton, in bonis	cc*li.*	x*li.*

Capitalis Clericus Recordorum Regis.

Georgius Rollys, in bonis	lxvj*li.*	lxvj*s.*

Clericus Warrantorum.

Alanus Horde, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*

[Nomina] Philizariorum.

Ricardus Higham, in bonis	c*li.*	v*li.*
Franciscus Mountford, in bonis	ccxxxiij*li.*	xj*li.* xiij*s.*
Robertus Kyppyng, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Robertus Jenour, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Edwardus Warner, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*
Thomas Sprotte, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Johannes Hennege, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*

Nomina Exegentariorum.

Willielmus Astell, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*

Clericus Utlagariarum.

	Substancia.	Subsidium domini Regis.
Johannes Michell, in bonis	lxxx*li.*	iiij*li.*

Nomina officiariorum et clericorum Scaccarii Domini Regis.

Clerici in officio Rememoratoris Regis.

Johannes Copwode, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*
Nicholaus Mymme, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*

Officium Rememoratoris Thesaurarii.

Johannes Smythe, in bonis	cc*li.*	x*li.*

Clerici in eodem officio.

Johannes Castell, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*
Johannes Dodde, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Cristofferus More, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Willielmus Selyok, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Thomas Frank, in bonis	xlv*li.*	xlv*s.*
Humffridus Boweland, in bonis	lx*li.*	lx*s.*

Ingrossatores Magni Rotuli Scaccarii.

Willielmus Purde, in bonis	c*li.*	v*li.*
Johannes Hyde, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*

Clerici in prædicto officio.

Thomas Cavendysshe, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*
Thomas Warton, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*

Auditores Scaccarii.

Johannes Sedley, in bonis	clxxx*li.*	ix*li.*
Edwardus Chamber, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*
Thomas Tomworth, in bonis	cccxxxiij*li.*	xvj*li.* xiij*s.*
Johannes Goldyng, in bonis	lxvj*li.*	lxvj*s.*

Contrarotulator Magni Rotuli.

Robertus Walys, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*

Oppositor extractorum forinsecorum Scaccarii.

Thomas Pymme, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*

Clericus forinsecorum extractorum Scaccarii.

	Substancia.	Subsidium domini Regis.
Thomas Walsshe, in bonis	lxvj*li.*	lxvj*s.*

Clericus Placitorum.

Robertus Castellton, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*

Clerici parcellarum.

Simon Toppesfelde, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*
Thomas Castell, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*

Marescallus Scaccarii.

Ricardus Hyll, in bonis	cc*li.*	x*li.*

Scriptores talliarum et pellium Receptæ Scaccarii.

Thomas Danyell, in bonis	l*li.*	l*s.*
Johannes Uvedale, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*

Numeratores Receptæ Scaccarii.

Johannes Hasilwod, in bonis	ccl*li.*	xij*li.* x*s.*
Henricus Everard, in bonis	clx*li.*	viij*li.*

Deputatores Andreæ Byllesby hostiarii Scaccarii.

Georgius Lorde, in bonis	xl*li.*	xl*s.*

Summa hujus rotuli DCLXiiij*li.* xvij*s.* (*sic*).

Commission addressed to Thomas, Cardinal of York, etc., of the same date and in like terms to that addressed to Sir John Fyneux and others, printed above, for the collection of a subsidy from the chief justices of either Bench, the chief baron of the Exchequer, and other justices of either Bench, also from the other barons of the Exchequer, and all the serjeants at law and the attorney general.

	Valores.	Subsidium domini Regis.
Sir John Fyneux, knyght, chief justice of the Kinge's Bench, in bonis	M[l] marks.	xxxiij*li.* vj*s.* viij*d.*

	Valores.	Subsidium domini Regis.
Sir Robert Brudenell, knyght, chief justice of the Comen Place, in bonis	vj°l marks.	xxj*li.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.*
Sir John Fitz James, knyght, chief baron of the Eschequer, in bonis	cccc*li.*	xx*li.*
Sir Humfrey Conyngesby, knyght, oon of the justices of the Kynge's Bench, in bonis	cccc*li.*	xx*li.*
Sir John More, knyght, another justice of the same Bench, in bonis	cc*li.*	x*li.*
Sir Lewys Pollard, knyght, oon of the justices of the Comen Place, in bonis	D marks.	xvj*li.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.*
Sir Richard Broke, knyght, another justice of the same Bench, in bonis	D marks.	xvj*li.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.*
Anthony Fitzherbert, another justice of the same Bench, in bonis	ccxl*li.*	xij*li.*
John Hales, oon of the barons of the Eschequer, in terris et feodis	cc*li.*	x*li.*
William Elys, another baron of the Eschequer, in bonis	cc*li.*	x*li.*
William Wotton, another baron of the Eschequer, in bonis	cc*li.*	x*li.*
John Rowe, serjaunt at the lawe, in bonis	ccl*li.*	xij*li.* x*s.*
William Rudhale, serjaunt at the lawe, in terris et feodis	clx*li.*	viij*li.*
John Spelman, serjaunt at the lawe, in terris	c*li.*	c*s.*
John Shelley, serjaunt at the lawe, in terris	cxl*li.*	vij*li.*
John Porte, serjaunt at the lawe, in bonis	cc*li.*	x*li.*
Thomas Welloughby, serjaunt at the lawe, in terris	cvj*li.*	cvj*s.*
Thomas Fairfax, serjaunt at the lawe, in bonis	c*li.*	c*s.*
John Newdigate, serjaunt at the lawe, in bonis	cc marks.	vj*li.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.*
Humfrey Broun, serjaunt at the lawe, in terris et feodis	clx*li.*	viij*li.*

	Valores.	Subsidium domini Regis.
Robert Norwiche, serjaunt at the lawe, in bonis	cc*li.*	x*li.*
John Rooper, the Kinges attourney, in bonis	D*li.*	xxv*li.*

APPENDIX No. II.

A BOOK OF EVIDENCES AND OTHER WRITINGS CONCERNING THE INNER TEMPLE.

Inner Temple Muniments.

1568, July 9. An Agreement between the Inner Temple and Middle Temple :—"This wrytinge indented made the ixth daye of July, in the tenthe yeere of the reigne of our sovereigne lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God of England, Fraunce, and Ireland, Queene, defendour of the faith, etc., Witnesseth that whereas certain of the fellowshipp of the Middle Temple have builded a little studie uppon a parcell of ground of the Inner Temple, on the south part of the said Inner Temple Garden, lying next to the said Middle Temple Lane leading down towards the Thames, on the west parte, and the buildinges of the said Inner Temple on th'east parte, which studie, so builded, extendeth over the said garden ground viij foot or thereabouts in length from th'east towardes the weast and in bredth vij foote three inches or thereaboutes from the southe, towardes the north. It is agreed betwene the fellowshipes of the said Howses that the fellowship of the said Middle Temple shall yeerelie pay unto the fellowshipp of the said Inner Temple vj*d.* of lawfull Englishe money at the feast of Easter and S^{t} Michael th'archaungell, by even portions. And in consideration thereof it is agreed that the said studie shall remaine and contynue in the quiett possession of the said fellowship of the said Middle Temple. And whereas one Nicholas Hare, gent., of the said Inner Temple, hath pulled down a studie annexed to a chamber now in the tenure of George Nicholls, esquier, one of the said Middle Temple, it is likewise agreed that the said Nicholas Hare shall re-edifie the said studie at his proper costes and charges before the feast of S^{t} Michaell th'archaungell next ensewing, to th'onely use of the said George Nicolles and fellowshipp of the said Middle Temple, as parcell of the chamber of the said George Nicolles. In witness wherof the threasurers of the said Howses heereunto interchaungeablie have sett their seales and subscribed their names, the daie and yeere firste above mencioned."

24 Elizabeth, A.D. 1582, April 27. Indenture of sale by Edmund Bokenham, of Great Thorneham in the county of Suffolk, to Nicholas Hare of the Inner Temple, of "one capital messuage or tenement with all the buildings, rooms, backsides, orchards, yards, and gardens unto the same belonging, with all and singular appurtenances, commonly called or known by the name of Lyon's Inn, situate and being in the parish of S^t^ Clement Danes without the bars of the New Temple, London," which Elizabeth Golding, mother of the said Edmund, holds for term of her life.

24 Elizabeth, A.D. 1582, Easter Term. Fine levied upon the above sale.

25 Elizabeth, A.D. 1583, June 18. Indenture of sale by Nicholas Hare, of the Inner Temple, London, to Robert Wythe, Thomas Maryett, Thomas Risden, Edmund Walter, Randal Hurleston, John Pagrave, John Bullock, George Wyott, Humphrey Smith, Robert Goldinge, Valentine Pigott, Francis Beamont, Thomas Smalman, William Hilliard, Edward Drewe, Henry Beamont, William Hughse, and John Cowper, esquires, benchers of the Inner Temple, for the sum of 143*li.* 4*s.* 8*d.*, of the said tenement, called Lyon's Inn.

24 Elizabeth, A.D. 1582, April 27. Indenture of sale by Edmund Bokenham, of Great Thorneham in the county of Suffolk, to Hugh Hare, of the Inner Temple, London, of five tenements or messuages in the parish of St. Clement Danes with all yards, gardens, orchards, buildings, rooms, and backsides appertaining, in which now or lately dwelt, Richard Evans, Widow Mooringe, John Farrington, Widow Daldersbye and Stephen Martyn.

24 Elizabeth, A.D. 1582, Easter Term. Fine levied upon the above sale.

25 Elizabeth, A.D. 1583, June 18. Indenture of sale by Hugh Hare of the Inner Temple to Robert Wythe and other benchers[1] of the Inner Temple, of the same five messuages for the sum of 13*li.* 4*s.* 8*d.* then paid and 107*li.* 18*s.* 9*d.* to be paid at Easter then following "at the font stone in the Temple church or at the place where the font stone now standeth."

26 Elizabeth, A.D. 1583-4, February 27. Acknowledgment by the said Hugh Hare of the receipt of the said sum of 107*li.* 18*s.* 9*d.*

28 Elizabeth, A.D. 1586, June 20. Indenture of sale by John Roper, of Linstede in the county of Kent, esquire, to Thomas Mariet,

[1] As given in previous deed of same date.

John Pagrave, Nicholas Hare, John Bullock, George Wiot, Valentine Pigot, Francis Beamont, and John Cowper, esquires, benchers of the Inner Temple, in consideration of 125*li.*, of the moiety of that messuage or mansion house, called by the name of the Master of the Temple his lodging otherwise the Master of the Temple's lodging, and also the moiety of all houses, cellars, solars, edifices, orchards, gardens, curtilages, backsides, void grounds, and other profits to the said messuage belonging, formerly in the tenure of Sir John Baker, knight, deceased, and late in the tenure of Robert Keylway, esquire, deceased, lying near to the Temple church within the Bars of London.

28 Elizabeth, 1585,[1] November 16. Acquittance by John Roper to John Bullocke, treasurer of the Inner Temple, for the sum of 75*li.*, for the absolute purchase of the premises sold to the Inner and Middle Temples. Witnesses:—Anthony Naylhart, Roland Cotton, and Richard Gray.

APPENDIX No. III.

A SURVEY OF THE CHAMBERS IN THE INNS OF COURT AND ORDERS TOUCHING THE GOVERNMENT OF SUCH INNS, A.D. 1574.

Public Record Office, State Papers, Domestic, Elizabeth, vol. xcv., No. 91.

A survey of the chambers and societies of all the Innes of Courte together with certaine devyses for the government of the worthie and necessarie sorte and for the exclusion of the unworthie and unnecessarie number and sorte therof. Maie, 1574.

The Survey towchinge the Premises.

Lincoln's Inne.

The number of chambers there:—iiij^{xx}xij.

The number of fellowes there of all these sortes following, viz.:—

Benchers	xiij	clx	having chambers, cxxx.	
Utter barristers	xxxij	wherof	having no chambers, xxx.	
Other gentlemen	cxvij			

[1] *Sic*, probably a mistake for 29 Elizabeth, A.D. 1586.

Graies Inne.

The number of chambers there :—cxxiiij.

The number of fellowes there of all these sortes following, viz. :—

Benchers	xij	ccxx	havinge chambers, cciiij.	
Utter barristers	xxx	wherof	havinge no chambers, xvj[en].	
Other gentlemen	clxxviij			

The Inner Temple.

The number of chambers there :—c.

The number of fellowes there of all these sortes followinge, viz. :—

Benchers	xv	ciiij[xx]ix	havinge chambers, clxiij.	
Utter barristers	xxiij	whereof	havinge no chambers, xxvj.	
Other gentlemen	clj			

The Middle Temple.

The number of chambers there, lxxxxij.

The number of fellowes there of all these sortes followinge, viz. :—

Benchers	xj	ciiij[xx]x	havinge chambers, cxxx.	
Utter barristers	xl	wherof	havinge no chambers, lx.	
Other gentlemen	cxxxix[en]			
51 [benchers]		759	627 [having chambers].	
125 [utter barristers]			132 [having no chambers].	
593 [other gentlemen]				

The orders devised towchinge the premisses.[1]

Chambers, etc. :—In primis that no mo in number be admitted from henceforthe then the chambers in the Howses will receive after two to a chamber.

Atturneys, etc. :—Item that if any hearafter admitted in courte practise as atturneys or sollicitors, then thei to be dysmissed and expulsed out of there Howses therupon.

Studentes and Inner barristers :—Item none hearafter admitted in court to enjoye chambers, continue in commons, onles he exercise mowtinge and other exercises of learninge within iiij[or] years after his admission and be allowed a student and inner barrister by the benche.

[1] See similar orders on p. 277, and Privy Council Registers, 1574, p. 246.

Utter barristers :—Item, none to be called to the utter barre but by the ordinary counseiles of the House in there generall ordinarie concills in the terme tyme.

Mowtinge of utter barristers :—Item, none called as aforesaide to continewe utter barristers onles he do by the space of —— years after, exercise ordinairie mowtinges and other ordinarie exercises of learning bothe in Court and Chancrie as the benche shall allowe.

Pleaders :—Item none to be admitted to plead at anie the Courtes at Westminster or to subscribe anie action, bill, or plea, onles he be a reader or bencher in courte, or be v years utter barrister continewinge that time exercise of learninge or a reader in Chancrie two years at the least.

Apparell :—Item towchinge apparell there, etc., the lords of the councels pleasure to be further knowen therin and therupon further deliberation to be required.

Endorsed :—A note towchinge the government of the Inns of Courte Maie 1574.

APPENDIX No. IV.

A LIST OF THE READERS AND CHIEF BARRISTERS OF THE INNS OF COURT (A.D. 1579 (?).

Public Record Office, State Papers, Domestic, Elizabeth, vol. cxi., No. 27.

A viewe of the chyfe Reders double and single and of the chyfe Baresters for ther practise in the 4 Innes of Courtes.

In Hospicio Graiano.

Gerarde, atturney generall Reginæ Elizabethæ.
Sackeforde, master of the Requestes.

Single Readers.

Pa'.[1] Meres, of the Counsell at Yorke, of good lyvynge.
Pro' Barton, of the Cownsell in the Marches of Wales, of good lyvinge.

Double Readers.

Pa'. Ketchin, of the Cownsell of the Cytye of London, welthy.
Pro'. Alcocke, of Canterbury in Kente, pore.

[1] The *Pa'.* and *Pro'.* probably stand for papist and protestant.

Pro'. Rodes, of the Cownsell of Yorke, of greate lyvinge, and very lerned.

Pro'. Colby, of grete lyvinge, and is to rede double this Lente.

Single reders.

Pro'. Huten, (?) of an hunderethe marke landes, recorder of Cambridge, very lerned.

Pa'. Kerle, of grete lyvinge.

Pa'. Alington, discontynuethe, pore.

Pro'. Arger, very lerned, welthie.

Pro'. Whiskyns, lerned, pore, of smale fame for practise.

Pro'. Yelverton, of greate gayne, very welthie, lerned.

Pro'. Snage, of greate lyvynge, lerned, of greate practyse.

Pro'. Brogrove, very lerned, pore, smaly practised, worthie of greate practise.

Baresters of name for ther practise.

Burnam, at Yorke.

Pro'. Burkett, at Yorke, the Quene's Atturny there.

Nevyll, at Yorke.

Pro'. Jon, very lerned.

Pro'. Kempe, lerned.

Pa'. Escorte.

Pa'. Stuarde, } no practisers.
Pro'. Purfray, }

Pro'. Dannyell, of grete practise, religious, very welthie.

Pa'. Smythe, } smaly practised.
Pa'. Bothe, }

Pa'. Godfrey, well practised, riche.

Pro'. Suttleworthe, very lerned, welthie, well practised.

Pa'. Williams, welthie, smalie lerned, well practised.

In medio Templo.

Double Readers.

Pro'. Bell, very lerned, of grete lyvynge.

Pa'. Plowden, very lerned, of good lyvinge.

Pro'. Fletwode, recorder of London, lerned, riche.

Pro'. Nicolls, lerned, ryche.

Pa'. Farmer, very lerned, riche.

Pa'. Popham, very lerned, of greate lyvynge, to rede double this Lente.

Pro'. Gente, well practised.

Single reders.

Pa'. Fetiplace, very lerned, of greate lyvynge.
Pa'. Rosse, well practised.
Pa'. Crumpton, welthie.
Pro'. Archer, welthie.
Pa'. Stephens.
Pro'. Ingepen, lerned, riche.
Dale, practysed.
Pro'. Fenner, lerned, riche.

In Templo Interiori.

Double readers.

Pro'. M^r^ Kellowaye, surveyor of the Wards.
Pro'. M^r^ George Bromlye, attorney of the Duchy.
Pro'. M^r^ Thomas Bromlye, sollicitor Reginæ.
Pa'. M^r^ Gawdie.
M^r^ Wythe, M^r^ Poole.
Pa'. M^r^ Anderson, very lerned.
M^r^ Maryott.
Pro'. M^r^ Flowerdewe, double reader the nexte Lente, lerned.

Single Readers.

M^r^ Rysden.
Pro'. M^r^ Walter.
Pro'. M^r^ Hurleston.
Pro'. M^r^ Halton.
M^r^ Pagrave.
Pro'. M^r^ Bullocke.
M^r^ Greye.
M^r^ Wyott.
M^r^ Smythe.
Pro'. M^r^ Frenche lerned. } Have not yet reade.
M^r^ Hare.

In Hospicio Lyncoll.

Sum single reders sum but Baresters.

Rychard Kyngsmill, atturney of the Wardes.
Kempe, of smale accompte, a double reder.
Baker, of good lyvynge, well practised, single reader.
Pro'. Wyndam, of grete lyvynge, well practised.

Clynche, well practised.
Pro'. Dalton, well practised, welthie.
Wamsley, very lerned, welthie.
Owen, welthie.
Pro'. Wyckes, very riche, well practised.
Goper, practised.
Pro'. Alephe, well practised, riche.
Pro'. George Kyngsmill, well practised, welthie.
Pro'. Egerton, very lerned, a younge practisor, very toward.

Endorsed:—The names of certayne lawyers with their qualities, etc., 1579.[1]

APPENDIX No. V.

REPORT OF THE CASE OF MERICKE *v.* PIE, A.D. 1602.

"*Les Reportes del Cases in Camera Stellata*, 1593 *to* 1609," *edited by W. P. Baildon, F.S.A.*

IN CAMERA STELLATA, CORAM CONSILIO IBIDEM, MERCURIJ, 5 MAIJ, 1602, ANNOQUE ELIZABETHÆ REGINÆ 44.

Queen's Attorney, *ex parte* Merrike *v.* Pie, a counsellor.

Murder, robbery, perjury, and other misdemeanours.

Coke, Queen's Attorney, informed on the relation of Christofer Merrike of the Inner Temple, utter barrister, against Robert Pye, defendant, of the Inner Temple, also utter barrister, for practice as to the life, lands, and goods of the said Cristofer Merrike, for perjury

[1] This endorsement is in a later hand. There is a letter among the Acts of the Privy Council, dated 17 November, 1577, to the Lord Keeper, "that where in the Generall Order taken by their Lordships for certeficates to be hadd of all suche within the realme as doe refuse to come to the churche, there was omitted the Innes of Courte, which two places [are] greatlie infected with Poperie; their Lordships advising thereof do thincke it meete (the said Innes being privileged places, and under his Lordship's jurisdiction) to desier him fourthewith to appoincte in everie suche Inne some persons well affected in Relligion to take the charge to inquire of the recusantes, and to deliver unto his Lordship a perfect certeficate bothe of their names and valewss as neere as he maie; and for the Innes of Chauncery their Lordships have written their letters to the Lord Cheife Justice of Englande to take the like course in every of them and to be certified accordinglie; and where diverse persons of the said Innes have sundrie tymes for their backwardnes in Relligion ben expelled out of these Howses, whereof their Lordships desiering to understand whather ther hath followed any conformitie or noe, doe desier his Lordship that the like inquirie may be made whether any so expelled are any thinge amended; and as many as shalbe found to continewe obstinatelie in their blindness to be bound for their apparence fourthwith before their Lordships, that such furder order as is to be taken with the rest of the recusantes may also be taken with them." Possibly this letter may have given rise to the return above printed, the date of which would in that case be 1577.

touching the execution of this, and for other misdemeanours, as follows, namely :—

Money lent.

Acquittance demanded on repayment.

Money abated on account of a wager Case as to the age of an infant.

Violence offered in taking money and an ink-horn [?].

Indictment for taking the same. The Clerk framed the indictment on the instruction of Pie. He was examined and deposed this. Grove an honest and sufficient clerk in the opinion of Shrewsbery and the [Lord] Keeper.

Merrike,—Feb. 1601, at the request of Pie, delivered to him 3*li.* for a week; Pie did not repay this within three months, after Merrike had often demanded and sent for it, and at last threatened the arrest of Pie. Whereupon Pie, on — July, carried 56*s.* to Merrike's chamber in the Inner Temple, and offered payment of this; Merrike said that he had lent 3*li.*, and without acquittance, and therefore he would not deliver any acquittance. Pie replied that 4*s.* was to be abated for a wager, touching a case, that Merrike had lost to Pie, because Pie averred that when an infant enters upon the twenty first year he is of full age, Merrike upon the contrary [said] that not before he had accomplished the twenty one years fully, days and hours. Whereupon Pie refused to pay the 56*s.*, and Merrike with violence took the money and Pie's ink-horn [? *galiere*], and beat him. Whereupon Pie indicted Merrike at Newgate, and gave instructions to one Grove, the clerk there, to fashion the indictment as follows :—[A blank space for the indictment.]

Pie gives evidence to the Grand Inquest on the indictment.

Three of the jury deposed what was Pie's answer on particular demand.

The Recorder commended for his good discretion and grave judgment. Not robbery nor felony. Merrike arraigned and acquitted. Pie committed, and bound to appear in the Starre Chamber. Ferdinando moved to beggar Merrike's lands and goods. Pie labours for an indifferent trial by the Queen.

Acquitted by the same jury as found him guilty.

Pie put out by the Bench. Merrike suspended by the Bench.

Pie put out of the House by the Parliament, to lose his chamber, to be disbarred, and [debarred] from all practice.

Pie himself was sworn to the indictment and gave evidence at the Grand Inquest [*i.e.* to the Grand Jury] that it was on the Queen's highway, and that he [? Merrike] took to flight; whereupon a true bill was found. The Recorder, John Crooke seeing the indictment and knowing the parties, demanded of the Grand Inquest who gave evidence, and what evidence he gave; they answered as above. Whereupon the Recorder conferred at the bar with Pie, and said that this could not be either robbery or felony, and therefore advised him to be careful how he proceeded. The next day Pie was enjoined to proceed to the indictment; Merrike, then present, was arraigned. Pie, confidently and impudently, gave the same evidence, whereupon he was committed to the sheriff and bound to appear in this Court the next term. The same night after the indictment, Pie went to the Court at Grenewige and there acquainted Ferdinando, servant and musician in the Privy Chamber, that one of good estate had committed felony and had forfeited his goods and lands, and demanded his letters to divers of the bench to have a gracious hearing by the Queen; whereupon [Ferdinando] wrote a letter to Sir Robert Wrothe and others, and so [the case] went to trial; and on the arraignment, Merrike was acquitted by the same jury as indicted him on the Grand Inquest. Then the Benchers of the Inner Temple examined this, and put Pie out of Commons, and referred him to the next Parliament; and they suspended Merrike in Commons for a time of forbearance, but in a short time restored him. But at the next Parliament they examined the matter at large, and put Pie out of the House [*i.e.* the Inner Temple], and degraded him from the Bar and from all practice: and in the same vacation the Queen's

Attorney and the Recorder took Pie's examination in writing, when he confessed all, and subscribed his hand: and thereupon the Attorney in Michaelmas Term next following informed *ore tenus* on this confession against Pie, when Pie denied it to be his hand, and said it was not rightly [*dumente*] taken, and prayed to have the benefit of the law, [25] Edw. III., cap. [4] *quod nullus liber homo imprisonetur sans judgmente*, and that he should not be condemned before bill and answer: Whereupon it was ordered by the Court that the Attorney should inform at once, because now Parliament is sitting [*continue*] and a pardon is expected, but if this cause be not heard before the pardon, the Lord Keeper would have care that this [case] should be excepted from the pardon if the bill was pending before the pardon: Phillips was assigned as Counsel with Pie, but when he saw Pie's answer, he moved for and obtained an order for his discharge: Pie was committed to the Fleete, and there remained until the sentence of the cause was heard. Pie did not submit himself, but in substance confessed all in his answer, and did not excuse himself in a reasonable or sensible word, but audaciously and impudently scandalized with imputations not only the Attorney, the Recorder and Merrike, but all the Judges and Justices, without any colour of cause. And he examined no witnesses, but Merrike examined Grove and three of the Grand Jurors and those witnesses which Pie said he had for himself and for the Queen, and they all deposed plainly and directly against Pie. To which he answered nothing, but only [said], "God knows the truth of all, and they may as well depose any thing [else] against me as this; for may I be hanged, and my neck cut off [*sic*] if this be true." And at last he craved the benefit of the Statute of 20 Edward I., *De defensione juris*, that no one should be admitted to sue before he has found surety to answer the issues and damages, etc. And thus he would take away the jurisdiction of this Court (as in the former Statute that he vouched), the authority of the Queen, which is present here, of her Council, of all original writs, and of all Justice. Then he craved the consideration of the Court inasmuch as the bill and the offences in it were not particular, and he was not charged with committing them contrary to the statutes and laws of this realm. But this notwithstanding [the bill] was held good by the Court and these exceptions [were considered] frivolous, Pie having superficial knowledge or taste of this, but not intellect.

The Attorney and Recorder took Pie's confession and in form *ore tenus* Pie denied his hand and confession and prayed the benefit of the law.

The Lord Keeper provides that Pie shall not have the benefit of the pardon.

Phillips, the Counsel assigned to Pie, is discharged by order on his dislike of the answer. Pie continues a prisoner in the Fleet until the time of sentence.

Pie confesses but without submission.

Pie's own witnesses depose against him.

The opinions of the Lord Keeper, the Chief Justices, and the Attorney.

Merrike was commended by the Attorney as a good student and of as good conversation as any in the Temple: But Pie falsely scandalized him for coveting and beggaring his brothers, taking forfeitures, suing men without cause and otherwise cruel and extorting 'courses' in general without cause or colour: And [Pie] also imputed falsely that the Recorder had taken 10*li.* from Merrike for a fee before the commencement of this suit, and as to this he vouched Serjeant Woodde, who cleared the Recorder of this imputation, and said of

Merrike commended as a good student and of good behaviour. Malice and envy of Pie much noted by the Lord Keeper.

Serjeant Woodde was examined in Court *viva voce*.

Merrike that he had intermeddled with Pie honestly, pitifully and conscionably.

Pie's offence contains murder, robbery, and perjury.

Pie's offence was condemned by the whole Court to be horrible and odious, and the offence of robbery, murder and perjury against God; for, by the Bishops, the breach of all the law is comprehended in this; *Diliges Deum, toto corde, et proximum tuum sicut teipsum.* And by the ancient law *Voluntas reputabatur pro facto.* By the law of God and the Civil law, *oculus pro oculo dens pro dente, manus pro manu*, etc., and also *per legem talionis:* And Pie had intended murder and robbery in his heart, which is an offence before God: And the offence is more odious and detestable in this, that he has made Justice a murderer and robber.

The intent of murder, robbery, or perjury, is an offence before God.

Lex talionis before followed by the Lord Treasurer and then by the Lord Keeper.

Sentence on Pie. Pie fined 1,000 marks, nailed to the pillory, ears, horse, perpetual imprisonment.

Pie was sentenced to a fine of 1,000 marks, pillory at Westminster and there to lose one ear, papers, from [Westminster] Hall to ride with his face to the horse's tail to 'Temple Gate,' and there to be pilloried and to lose the other ear, and perpetual imprisonment. As for Merrike, he was acquitted with great favour and grace, and delivered from all imputation of 'intemperancye' or 'heate.' And since they were both professors of the law, [the Court] exhorted them that have authority to admit to the bar, to have care to name those that were literate, honest and religious, and in the admittance of such to the House [Inn], for if they had had [such care], they would never have admitted Pie to the House, but he would have pursued his father's trade, who was a butcher; and they should not have calls by the dozens or scores, as now is the use: For the good and literate professors of the law are as good members of the Commonwealth as any others, but the ignorant and bad professors of the law are as 'daungerouse vermin' to the Commonwealth as 'Caterpillers,' etc. [*sic*].

Merrike acquitted with grace.

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Good professors of the law are good members, and on the contrary. By the Lord Keeper.

APPENDIX No. VI.

DECLARATION OF LOYALTY AND ASSOCIATION, A.D. 1584.

Inner Temple Muniments.

26 Elizabeth, A.D. 1584, November 3. Declaration of loyalty to Queen Elizabeth and oath of association to serve and protect her from all who may harm her person, made by the fellows of the Inner Temple. *Signed.*

26 Elizabeth, A.D. 1584, November 4. A like declaration and oath made by the fellows of Lyon's Inn. Signed by Rob. Pyne, treasurer of Lyon's Inn, Richard Calmady, John Thomas, Jacobus Aysshe, Alex. Staples, Johannes Bydlake, Thomas Willis, and Nicholaus Turner.

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SOME of the Christian names of persons referred to in the Acts of Parliament are wrongly given in the original MS.; this is especially noticeable in the attendances at Parliament, to which attention is called in some instances in the Index. Difficulty has also arisen in compiling the Index where two or more members of the Inn have had the same Christian and surname. An effort has been made to distinguish these persons, but where there is an occasion for doubt reference should be made to the entries relating to each of such persons. The following abbreviations have been adopted in the Index:—adm. for admission; att. at parl. for attendance at Parliament; att. on reader for attendant on reader; and serj. for serjeant.—W. P.

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